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## EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Each of the numerous CNMI government agencies' employees of the year pose for a group photo with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and other department officials during last Saturday's Labor Day celebration at the Garapan Fishing Base.

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# Russians out of NMI parole

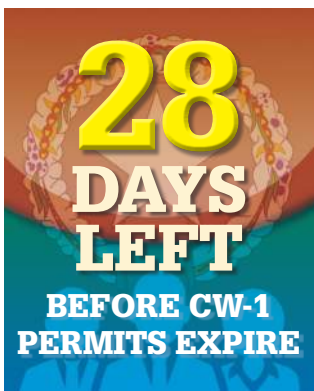
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Russian nationals seeking to enter the CNMI would soon be required to go through the process of first securing a U.S. visa at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow or at a U.S. consulate general elsewhere before they can be allowed to enter here. **See RUSSIANS on Page 4**

## IPI, subsidiaries, CCC drop court actions

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Imperial Pacific International



(CNMI) LLC, its two subsidiaries, and the Commonwealth



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Casino Commission have agreed to dismiss all their court actions in federal court. IPI, IPI subsidiaries Grand Marianas (CNMI) LLC and Imperial Pacific Properties **See IPI on Page 4**

## Marine sports operators appeal closure

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The Department of Lands

» **DLNR 'technically' can't shut down Outer Cove**

and Natural Resources insists that, "technically," it cannot

shut down the Outer Cove Marina; it can only shut down the commercial activities at the dock.

In a meeting Thursday evening at the American Memo-

rial Park, DLNR Secretary Anthony Benavente clarified with *Saipan Tribune* that the department is technically incapable of shutting down the Outer Cove Marina because the dock belongs to the U.S. National **See MARINE on Page 4**

## Kilili: 8,109 worker applications approved or in final JVA stage



Officials of the U.S. Departments of Labor and Homeland Security briefed Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan today on the new temporary labor certification requirement included in the U.S. Workforce Act, enacted last year. Applications for 13,738 workers have been submitted to date. Labor officials reported that 8,109 worker positions are approved or are in the final JVA stage.

» **Delegate goes to DC to meet with DOL, USCIS on labor certifications**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congress is in recess until Sept. 9, but Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) returned early to Washington, D.C., to meet with officials of the U.S. departments of Labor and Homeland Security last Friday (Saturday in the CNMI).

"Our local businesses are worried about the new tem- **See KILILI on Page 4**

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Imelda Marcos is not only standing by the history of her family but defending it as well.

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## Local

## Supreme Court asked to overrule 'second-class' status of territories

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The Supreme Court has overruled racist precedents that allowed for segregated accommodations for blacks and whites and permitted the internment of Japanese-Americans during wartime.

Now, the court must overturn a precedent on the books that grants residents of Puerto Rico and other U.S. territories second-class status under the Constitution, the American Civil Liberties Union told the justices in a friend-of-the-court brief submitted this week.

The precedent the ACLU is seeking to overturn was established in a series of early 20th century disputes known as the "Insular Cases."

The court held in those cases, decided between 1901 and 1922, that U.S. citizens living in so-called "unincorporated territories" were not entitled to the same constitutional protections as other Americans. The territories are home to about 4 million people, the vast majority of whom live in Puerto Rico.

That doctrine, the civil rights group said, is "no less offensive" than the one estab-

lished by the 1896 "separate but equal" decision in Plessy v. Ferguson, which was not overturned until Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka was handed down by a unanimous court in 1954.

The ACLU's brief is scathing. Adriel Cepeda Derieux, an attorney for the group, wrote that the cases are a "glaring anomaly in the fabric of our constitutional law" that "explicitly rest on anachronistic and deeply offensive racial cultural assumptions."

To this day, he wrote, the doctrine "casts a pall on the rights of residents of Puerto Rico, including more than three million U.S. citizens, and close to 500,000 more in other so-called 'unincorporated territories.'"

The brief came in connection with a case over the constitutionality of the financial oversight board established for Puerto Rico by Congress in 2016, in the midst of a financial crisis on the island. The federal appeals court in Boston held that appointments to the board were inconsistent with the Appointments Clause of the Constitution, but the board is asking the top court

to reverse the decision on the grounds that the clause does not apply.

The brief was filed on Thursday, as President Donald Trump was criticizing Puerto Rico for being in the path of a tropical storm and accusing the island's leadership of incompetence and corruption.

Cepeda Derieux wrote that the ACLU takes no position on the broader merits of the case — or, tangentially, on the issue of Puerto Rican statehood — but urged the justices to use the case as a vehicle to scrap the Insular Cases once and for all.

"It is very difficult to rely on these cases on the face of them, because of how glaringly and unabashedly racist their reasoning is," Cepeda Derieux said in an interview. "Not only do the Insular Cases say nothing about the Appointments Clause, but to look to them here is to give them exactly the sort of expansion that the court has warned against."

Starting in the 1950s, the top court began walking back the doctrine. In the 1957 case Reid v. Covert, the justices held that its reasoning should not go beyond the specific constitutional provisions that

were addressed in the cases themselves, namely matters involving taxation and certain Fifth and Sixth Amendment rights, including jury trials.

But lower courts have applied the reasoning beyond those areas. In 2016, the federal court in Puerto Rico ruled that same-sex marriage, upheld the year before by the Supreme Court in Obergefell v. Hodges, had not been incorporated on the island. The 1st Circuit later reversed the decision.

In a 1999 case, a federal court cited the Insular Cases to decide that the principle of "one person, one vote" was not a fundamental right of residents on the Northern Mariana Islands.

"Since it is clear that the 'one man, one vote' principle is not a right that is the 'basis of all free government,' it need not be applied in and to an unincorporated territory such as the Commonwealth," District Judge Alex Munson wrote.

"Lower courts have wrestled with these cases," Cepeda Derieux said, "and because these cases have a shorthand framework where it says that fundamental rights are the only rights that apply in the

territories, that is a framework that lower courts have looked to and used in contexts where it shouldn't apply and have used as a lens to apply the entire Constitution throughout the territories."

The Supreme Court only rarely overturns its own precedents, generally abiding by a principle known as "stare decisis," which puts a high bar on reversing decisions it has made in the past. Between 2010 and 2018, fewer than 10 decisions on matters of constitutional law were reversed, according to a government report.

Sometimes it takes a long time for decisions to be over-

ruled, even if they are despised. Korematsu v. United States, the 1944 decision that upheld the internment of Japanese-Americans during the Second World War, was only overturned last year, in Trump v. Hawaii, the decision that allowed for Trump's travel ban to take effect.

"Korematsu was gravely wrong the day it was decided, has been overruled in the court of history, and — to be clear — has no place in law under the Constitution," Chief Justice John Roberts wrote in the opinion.

The Puerto Rico dispute is set to be argued in October, and a decision is expected by June 2020.

## Not guilty plea in meth indictment

A woman who, together with two others, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to possess over 50 grams of methamphetamine with the intent to sell it pleaded not guilty in federal court last week.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona set Elaine Francisco Demei's jury trial for Oct. 15, 2019 at 10am. Manglona allowed Demei remain

free until then.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe, counsel for the U.S. government, did not object.

Mark B. Hanson is the court-appointed counsel for Demei.

Demei's co-defendants, Vince Koki Leon Guerrero and Evelyn Chon Tydingco, have already pleaded not guilty and are also out. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



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## No change in CUC's fuel charge in Sept.

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s fuel adjustment charge remains at \$0.18803 per kWh for the month of September.

Although there has been a slight increase in the Mean of Platts Singapore monthly pricing from July 2019 to September 2019 as notified by Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Inc., the increase did not equal or exceed a 4.5 percent differential of the average per gallon cost of fuel.

The FAC is one of two components that make up the CUC electric kWh rate, which is used to purchase fuel. The second component is the CUC base rate, which is used to fund operations, projects, and debt service. This base rate has not been increased since April 17, 2014.

CUC is required, pursuant to an order previously issued by the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, to adjust (up or down) the FAC pass-through rate when the Mean of Platts Singapore monthly pricing equals or exceeds a 4.5 percent differential of the average per gallon cost of fuel used in the calculation of the current FAC rate.

CUC first instituted the levelized energy adjustment clause in 2009 to recover fuel and fuel related costs, a system also used by power providers in Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In May 2015, CPUC authorized CUC to change the name of LEAC to FAC to provide customers a more accurate description of the electric rate. (PR)

## Shortage in tuberculin testing material

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The Commonwealth Health Care Corp. is currently experiencing a shortage of the chemical that is used to administer the skin test for tuberculosis.

In a previous notice to CHCC, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said it is expecting a three- to 10-month nationwide shortage of Aplisol, one of two chemicals called "purified protein derivative tuberculin antigens" licensed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use in performing tuberculin skin tests.

With the shortage, CHCC right now has a ranking of who should undergo the skin test.

"We had to prioritize a number of high-risk groups of patients for PPD testing use," said CHCC spokesperson Zoe Travis.

That has been in effect at the Commonwealth Health Center's Chest Clinic since last July, she added.

Those high-risk groups are:

- Patients exhibiting signs and symptoms concerning for active tuberculosis.

- Patients who have household contacts or close contacts

of a patient diagnosed with active tuberculosis.

- Healthcare professionals

- Children who are entering the school system (public or private) for the first time in the Commonwealth.

- Elderly who are to be enrolled at the *Man'amko* Center given their higher likelihood of medical comorbidities and close proximity of association with other elderly persons.

- Department of Corrections inmates since they are housed in very close quarters.

"For all others, we recommend symptoms assessment by a medical provider to ensure that they do not have any sign or symptoms of active tuberculosis," Travis said.

The manufacturer of Aplisol informed the CDC that they anticipate a supply interruption of Aplisol 5ml (capable of 50 tests) beginning last June, followed by a supply interruption of Aplisol 1ml (capable of 10 tests) in November.

The shortage could occur earlier than November, depending on the amount of demand. The CDC clarified that the three to ten-month timeframe on the nationwide shortage is the manufacturer's current estimate and is subject to change.

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## MARINE

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Park Service.

"I have no right to do that," Benavente told *Saipan Tribune*. "The submerged water, where the dock is, is DLNR's—but not the [dock]."

He stressed that DLNR cannot prevent the public from using the Outer Cove Marina if they want to do so. What DLNR would be doing is to prevent any more tourist commercial activities there.

Benavente said his department is shutting down the commercial use of the Outer Cove Marina for safety reasons. The closure will take effect on Sept. 30.

"...We are shutting it down so that [boat owners] can go and [embark people] where it's safe and the structure is properly sound to accommodate passengers and [for boat owners] to load the boat with

no problems," he said.

According to Marine Sports Association president Adonis Santos, more than 30 vessels are currently berthed at the Outer Cove.

However, if a boat owner decides to continue using that marina, he or she must first sign a liability waiver. Benavente noted that all associated fees with using the cove would remain but it is ultimately dependent on his office to approve the marina's continued use.

"We want to make sure that if you continue to stay and if we allow you to continue, that you will have to sign a waiver. At the same time, continue to pay existing regulations that [imposes] a certain fee based on the size of the vessel," he said.

According to Benavente, the Outer Cove Marina will bar commercial activity for a time until there is enough funding to repair the dock.

In the meantime, DLNR is offering the use of a transient floating dock that will be regulated to accommodate commercial usage. That floating dock is within the Smiling Cove Marina, near the existing Department of Public Safety boating facility.

## Help sought

However, citing serious safety risks for both passengers and boat operators at the Smiling Cove Marina, marine sports operators are seeking the aid of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres to stop the DLNR from closing Outer Cove.

Marine Sports Association president Adonis Santos, who appealed to Torres to help convince the DLNR to reconsider, said that the risks associated with the "deteriorating condition" at the Outer Cove Marina are greatly outweighed by the safety risk created by the plan to move commercial operations to the Smiling

Cove Marina.

In his letter to Torres last Wednesday, Santos said that during a meeting last Aug. 16, the director of DLNR's Division of Fish and Wildlife announced that the commercial loading and off-loading of passengers would be transferred to the transient dock at the Smiling Cove.

The DFW director further announced that emergency regulations were being promulgated by the Office of the Attorney General that would include a new \$3 departing passenger fee and a monthly fee for commercial vessels.

Santos said they believe that this plan fails to adequately consider the unsustainable increase in boat traffic within the parameters of the Smiling Cove Marina.

"Indeed, there is simply insufficient space in Smiling Cove Marina for the simultaneous operation of both commercial and private vessels,"

he pointed out.

Santos said the dramatic increase in boat traffic, exacerbated by a narrow and shallow channel, will create serious safety risks for both passengers and boat operators.

He said the large vessels engaged in sunset dinner tours will be unable to safely navigate to and from the convenience dock.

Santos noted that this problem will be aggravated during low tide.

Santos suggested that a safety study be conducted prior to formal implementation of this closure.

The closure of the Outer Cove Marina will have an immediate and detrimental impact on tourism revenues, said Santos as he also quoted the Office of the Public Auditor's audit report dated Oct. 5, 2015, that stated that "if the facility closes or fails, the cost in related tourism revenues will be substantial."

Santos said many of the vessels currently berthed in the Outer Cove Marina simply have no place to go.

"This decision will directly impact longstanding business operations of many marine tour operators," he said.

Santos earlier stated that some marine sports operators on Saipan may be forced to shut down operations with the closure as they have just recovering from Super Typhoon Yutu's impact on the tourism industry.

Some marine sports operators have expressed willing-

ness to shoulder the expenses of repairing Outer Cove Marina, which according to DLNR in its public notice closure issued last Aug. 23, is in deteriorating condition.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that two of three bridges to the dock at the Outer Cove Marina had collapsed, one happened last year and the other early this year. The remaining one bridge appears to be also deteriorating underneath.

Unfortunately, there is currently no government plan to repair or re-open Outer Cove Marina after this closure, Santos said in his letter to Torres.

Santos acknowledged that Outer Cove Marina needs repairs, but disagreed that closing it is the answer. He noted that there have been no injuries or accidents at the Outer Cove Marina caused by the "deteriorating condition."

Santos said the operators using the facility will continue to release the CNMI government from liability and indemnify the CNMI from claims of third parties.

Santos said Outer Cove Marina supports the vast majority of marine tour operations on the island and that the operations include providing tourist access to Managaha Island.

Santos said the closure of this facility will have an immediate and detrimental impact on marine tour operations.

"In fact, we legitimately fear that this sudden closure will proximately result in the cessation of some marine tour activities," he said.

that allowed CCC to disclose IPI's confidential income tax information that is subject of a legal dispute.

Ninth Circuit judges A. Wallace Tashima and Milan D. Smith Jr. denied IPI's motion to stop CCC from disclosing IPI's unredacted financial statements while the appeal is pending.

Tashima and Smith had previously temporarily prohibited CCC from disclosing IPI's confidential income tax information after IPI filed the emergency motion.

In a 25-page decision last Aug. 6, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ruled that IPI and its subsidiaries have not met their burden for a preliminary injunction.

Manglona, however, declined in that order to address "at this time" the motion to remand IPI's lawsuit against CCC to the Superior Court that was filed by IPI and its subsidiaries, as the issues of abstention and supplemental jurisdiction raised in the motion will be further briefed and argued.

A longer version of this story is available at [www.saipantribune.com](http://www.saipantribune.com)

## KILILI

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porary labor certification process and whether it is moving quickly enough," Sablan said. "I wanted to meet face-to-face with federal officials on behalf of employers and workers—and get the facts."

Labor officials confirmed what they told Sablan last weekend: the average processing time to get certification is 41 days. They further made clear the 41 days includes the 21 days in which Marianas employers are required to post job vacancy announcements, or JVAs.

Labor also reported the number of approved certifications continues to increase. Certifi-

cations have been issued for 2,443 workers as of Friday, compared to 1,841 a week ago. And Labor said another 5,666 job vacancies are now being actively advertised. In all, 8,109 worker positions are approved or at the JVA step.

The temporary labor certification process is required by the U.S. Workforce Act, enacted last July. Sablan included the requirement in the law so that a U.S. citizen, green card holder, or citizen of one of the Freely Associated States, who is able and available for a job in the Marianas, gets hired before a non-U.S. worker with a CW permit.

Certification also assures that a CW worker will not be hired at a rate of pay lower than a U.S. worker is paid. This protects

U.S. workers from being passed over for a job or terminated so Marianas employers can hire cheaper CW labor.

Although new for CW applications, the temporary labor certification is already a requirement for H-2B and other foreign worker visas.

## Prevailing wage turnaround reduced to 11 days

Labor officials also reported to Sablan that the average time for setting the wage rate for foreign workers had gone down to 11 days. When Sablan requested the briefing last week, the average turnaround time was 18 days.

Before an employer can file for a temporary labor certification for any job, they must

establish what the rate of pay will be. The U.S. Workforce Act required the Commonwealth governor to establish the prevailing wage in the Marianas for various categories of work. The governor could make a good faith effort to contact all employers and find out what they pay or use a randomized survey.

The Commonwealth's initial prevailing wage survey was submitted in May 2019, almost a year after the U.S. Workforce Act was signed into law. But the survey was incomplete. A second survey received approval from the U.S. Department of Labor this July.

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## RUSSIANS

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This comes soon after the U.S. Department of Homeland Security rescinded a 2009 decision to allow Russian nationals to enter both territories under the discretionary parole authority.

As of Oct. 3, 2019, Russian nationals will be unable to enter both Guam and the CNMI for business or pleasure under the discretionary parole authority, according to the notice DHS published in the *Federal Register*.

Russian nationals who had already been paroled into Guam or the CNMI will maintain parole until the expiration of that parole period.

This comes soon after a steep drop in the number of Russian visitors to the CNMI and Guam in the last two fiscal years. Most of the CNMI's Russian visitors were from Russian Far East. With no di-

rect flights between Saipan and the Russian Far East region, Russian tourists are forced to transit through Korea or elsewhere.

The *Federal Register* noted that the parole authority for Russian nationals had been "exercised far too expansively than originally intended." It noted that the parole authority accounted for about 99% of all Russian visitors in 2012 and 85% of all Russian visitors in 2017. In the CNMI, the parole authority accounted for about 90% of all Russian visitors in 2010 and 82% of all Russian visitors in 2017.

It further noted overstay increases in Guam of over four times.

"Since the 2012 expansion of the discretionary parole authority for Russian nationals seeking entry into Guam, overstays increased from 26 in [fiscal year] 2012 to 147 in [fiscal year] 2017, or by 46%. While this represents a relatively small percentage of

overall Russian visitors in the CNMI and Guam, the increase in overstays is in and of itself a security concern for DHS," it noted.

DHS further noted that the discretionary parole authority functioned more as a "substitute for the visa process" for Russian nationals.

"The policy broadly announced to this population that a visitor visa would not be required to travel to Guam and the CNMI if the alien met the specific requirements," the *Federal Register* noted.

The decision to rescind Russia from the parole authority was also based on the country's eligibility to participate in the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program. In the nearly 10-year period since the parole policies were announced, DHS noted that Russia has not been considered eligible to participate.

The discretionary parole authority was exercised in November 2009 when for-

mer DHS secretary Janet Napolitano announced DHS' favorable consideration of the CNMI's requests for discretionary parole for Russian nationals back in Oct. 21, 2009.

Under the discretionary parole authority, Russian nations may enter Guam and the CNMI—including travel between the two territories—for a period of up to 45 days if they are in compliance with some requirements such as an unexpired, machine-readable passport; a valid form I-94; among other requirements.

In fiscal year 2016 alone, the Marianas Visitors Authority noted a total of 1,645 Russian national-visitors while 1,991 Russian nationals were recorded to enter the CNMI within October to July 2017.

The official rule will be published tomorrow.

Chinese tourists are also able to enter the CNMI under the discretionary parole authority.



# NMC welcomes back students

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The Northern Marianas College welcomed its students to the As Terlaje campus last week with a series of events from Monday to Thursday and included a mini-carnival

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
Happy birthday, Dad! Thanks for working hard for us every-day. We all love you! Greetings come from Eitmam, Ebtida, and Eiliyah.

and student get-togethers.

The activities, initiated by NMC's Office of Student Activities and the Associate Students of Northern Marianas College, kicked off with a "Breakfast with Proas" last Monday, Aug. 26; followed by "Coffee Connection" on Tuesday, Aug. 27; "Ice Keki & Popcorn" on Wednesday, Aug. 28; and an "NMC Mini Carnival" on Thursday, Aug. 29.

About 250 students attended Thursday's carnival—the first time the college did such an event. An NMC student who attended the carnival was surprised with the huge crowd of students participating in the activities.

Another student was happy to move closer to his bachelor's degree. He anticipates to graduate this upcoming spring

2020 semester and is excited to be one semester closer to achieving his goal.

NMC Board of Regents chair Charles Cepeda said it was great to see all the students show up to all the NMC's activities and events, despite what has happened in the past year. Despite the destruction of Super Typhoon Yutu, he said it was great to see the students and staff back in action.

The new school year for NMC means another set of graduates who will begin their journey toward a degree, said NMC interim president Frankie Eliptico.

Last Tuesday, Eliptico reported that NMC's enrollment saw a 12% increase. He said the increased number is higher than the number of enrolled students in fall 2018, prior to Super Typhoon Yutu.

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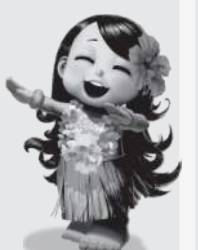
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# McDonald's supports 9/11 commemoration

McDonald's Saipan has stepped up anew as a sponsor of the Tan Siu Lin Foundation initiative We Will Never Forget: Field of Heroes this month.

McDonald's is among the

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McDonald's Saipan co-owner and general manager Marcia Ayuyu, second right, and McDonald's employees, join, from left, TanHoldings Community Relations director Carline Sablan, Tan Siu Lin Foundation administrative officer Mel Naputi, and TanHoldings vice president for Corporate Affairs/Human Resources Catherine Attao-Toves for a group photo at McDonald's Garapan last week in support for the staging of We Will Never Forget: Field of Heroes this month.



22 returning sponsors of the event intended to honor those who perished and the heroes that saved many lives during the Sept. 11, 2011, attacks in the United States, as well as those who continue to fight for the nation's safety and freedom.

"We are honored to be part of this community event commemorating our fallen heroes, who made the ultimate sacrifice to save others' lives," said McDonald's Saipan co-owner and general manager Marcia Ayuyu.

"McDonald's is pleased that the Tan Siu Lin Foundation and TanHoldings have come up with this event that brings the community together in honoring our heroes' greatness and the things they did and are doing to keep our nation safe. We must continue to pay tribute to them. Truly, we will never forget," she added.

The TSL Foundation is the charitable arm of TanHoldings.

McDonald's Saipan's donation makes it a patron sponsor of the Field of Heroes, which has a line-up of activities beginning on Sept. 2.

"We would like to thank McDonald's and all our generous sponsors for their continued support to the Field of Heroes. It's always great to see members of our community working together to honor the heroes of 9/11 and express their deep gratitude and admiration to the people who commit to protect the lives of others," said Catherine Attao-Toves, TanHoldings vice president for Corporate Af-

fairs/Human Resources.

The Field of Heroes will kick off with the posting of the U.S. flags at the Veterans Memorial Park on Tinian on Sept. 2. On Sept. 6, flags will be posted at the Corporal Joe G. Charfauros Jr. Rota Veterans Memorial Park, while the American Memorial Park is the site of the flag posting on Saipan, beginning on Sept. 8. A program commemorating 9/11 will occur on Sept. 11 itself at 5:30pm at the AMP, preceded by the Freedom Walk, which will start at 5pm at the Garapan Fishing Base and end at AMP.

A ceremony on Tinian is also scheduled for Sept. 11 and will feature a wreath dedication, gun salute, and speeches. Rota's ceremony is slated for Sept. 17. Flags will be retired on Sept. 13, Sept. 16, and Oct. 12 for Tinian, Saipan, and Rota, respectively.

Flags may be flown in honor or in memory of community heroes for a small donation. Commemorative shirts are also available with a small donation. Donations can be made at Shirley's Coffee Shop in Garapan and Susupe, the TanHoldings corporate office on the second floor of the JP Center Building on Beach Road, the Tinian Mayor's Office, Hotel Valentino on Rota, and the Rota Mayor's Office. Net proceeds of the event will be donated to the Northern Marianas Humanities Council for programs that support the health and wellness of veterans, military service members, first responders, and their families. (PR)

## Guam, Okinawa governors collaborate on military realignment

**HAGATÑA, Guam**—Guam Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero and Okinawa Gov. Yasuhiro "Denny" Tamaki agreed Friday to cooperate on the planned U.S. military transfer from



Leon Guerrero

Okinawa to Guam, describing it as a mutually beneficial process that promotes "lasting peace, friendship, cultural values, the environment, economic prosperity, and security."

Leon Guerrero welcomed Tamaki to Guam prior to their meeting Friday at the Office of the Governor.

"Governor Tamaki and I shared concerns about the progress of the military re-

alignment, and exchanged ideas on ways we can advance the progress of the military buildup that is mutually beneficial to Okinawa and Guam," said Leon Guerrero. "He understood Guam's limited position as it relates to the bilateral agreement between the U.S. federal government and the government of Japan and pledged to advance Guam's concerns regarding the lack of access to temporary workers when he meets with U.S. federal officials in Washington, D.C. in October."

During their meeting, Tamaki emphasized that he

is not opposed to U.S. military presence in Japan and understands its importance for maintaining peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region. However, he pointed out that the island of Okinawa absorbs over 70 percent of all U.S. military bases in Japan while the Okinawa Prefecture comprises just 0.6% of Japan's total land mass. Tamaki is pushing for the return of excess land and pointed out that whenever the U.S. returns land, the nearby communities benefit from increased economic opportunities.



Tamaki

Leon Guerrero agreed on the point and noted that she is currently pushing for the return of 2,600 acres of excess land from the military.

"I respect the interests of Gov. Tamaki and the

Okinawan people and their desire for economic growth and expansion. I had the opportunity to share with him the history of foreign labor on Guam and how crucial it is to our economic growth. I appreciate Gov. Tamaki's commitment to raise our concerns regarding the shortage of H-2B labor to the U.S. federal government," Leon Guerrero added. (PR)



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### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS

#### ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING DESIGN, FACILITIES MASTER PLANNING, AND PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

#### NMC RQS 19-001

Northern Marianas College (NMC) is soliciting for interested firms "Qualifications Statement's" for Architectural/Engineering services. The Statements of Qualification is due not later than 10:00am on September 27, 2019, Procurement & Property Management Office, Bldg O, As Terlaje Campus, Saipan.

The requests for "Statement of Qualification (RQS)" Packet are available at NMC, Procurement Office commencing Monday at 10:00am, August 26, 2019. No fee is required for obtaining the RQS packets.

Pre-submittal conference is scheduled for Friday, 10:00am on September 13, 2019 at NMC Conference Room, Building P.

This Request for Statement of Qualification under Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available for this procurement. Interested firms/individuals located outside of the CNMI may request for the RQS packet by e-mail address to Anita Camacho at email anita.camacho@marianas.edu.

NMC reserves the right to reject any or all statement of professional qualification for any reason if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College.

/s/ Anita Camacho  
Procurement Management Office

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### NMHC IFB 2019-006

#### Building Maintenance Services for NMHC's Housing Units in Saipan

Proposal package will be available on **August 28, 2019** at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays. A non-refundable payment of fifty dollars (\$50.00) is required for each set of the project package. Payment must be made payable to NMHC and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the project package.

*The provisions of the CNMI Procurement regulations, NMLAC 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 Prohibiting Gratuities, Kickbacks and Contingent Fees shall apply.*

A **Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference** will be held at **10:00 a.m.** on September 09, 2019, at the NMHC Central Office Conference Room in Garapan. Failure to attend the Mandatory pre-proposal conference will be considered a non-responsive bidder.

For more information, contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Office Manager/Procurement Officer, at (670)234-6866/9447, or email at officemanager@nmhc.gov.net during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

/s/ **Kimo M. Rosario**  
Acting-Chairman  
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/s/ **Francisco C. Aguon**  
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• High school Graduate;  
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### PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

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#### ITB 19-CHCC/IT-MIHI-002

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/S/ **ESTHER L. MUNA**  
CHCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

/S/ **CORAZON P. ADA**  
CHCC DIRECTOR OF P&S





## September is declared Cultural Heritage Month

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres joins cultural heritage advocates in front of the Office of the Governor on Capital Hill after signing the proclamation declaring September as Chamorro and Carolinian Cultural Heritage Month.

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REPORTER

September has been declared Chamorro and Carolinian Cultural Heritage Month to showcase the unique cultures and traditions of indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians in the CNMI and to educate and inspire the younger generations of the importance of the indigenous ways of living.

In signing the proclamation last Thursday at the Office of the Governor's conference room on Capital Hill, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said that the CNMI's culture and its language defines the CNMI and is one of the reasons why

it draws tourists to the islands.

"It is important that we teach our children our language and our culture. If we lose that, it will be harder for the next generation to understand and speak the language," he said.

Carolinian Affairs Office executive director John Tagabuel said the celebration is all about keeping the Chamorro and Carolinian heritages alive. That includes teaching the next generation how to speak the Chamorro and Carolinian languages to keep that part of the culture would alive and strong.

"Our culture and our way of life starts from home," Tagabuel said.

Indigenous Affairs Office

resident executive Roman Tudela, Jr said that parents should take extra steps to continue to perpetuate the language. "We are the generation that has been given the responsibility by our parents. They taught us the language, and now, as parents, it is our responsibility to pass it down. We don't want to fail this generation."

Rhe'ann Tudela, 15, agrees that keeping the language starts at home and that it is important for parents to enforce it.

"My parents made me do a lot of reading, and to keep practicing so that when I have kids myself, I can pass it on, and in that way, our language

can stay alive," Tudela said.

The proclamation also dedicated Sept. 23, 2019, as the day to commemorate the 33rd anniversary of the 13 fishermen lost at sea, and Sept. 28, 2019, as the day to honor Chief Aghurubw, and all other traditional Samwool.

This September, the Carolinian Affairs Office has prepared a Women's Conference,

the Island Cuisine Night, educational outreach in schools, dance clinics, and cultural demonstrations. Also sched-

uled are the 13 Fishermen's Memorial, Refaluwasch Youth Summit, Aghurubw Day, and the Sunset Uumw Night.

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### Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands CNMI PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM



#### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) in CNMI Public Schools Continues School Year 2019-2020

The Child Nutrition Program (CNP) is pleased to inform you that the CNMI Public School System will be continue implementing the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) while participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs during School Year 2019-2020.

##### What does this mean for children attending CNMI public schools?

All students enrolled and attending CNMI public schools are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no charge to your household each day of the 2019-2020 school year. Your child (ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a meal application. CEP applies to meals served at public schools only. Each student is allowed one free breakfast meal and one free lunch meal each school day while attending any of the 20 CNMI public schools on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

##### What does this mean for children attending private school(s) or day care centers?

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) does not apply to students attending private schools and day care centers. In order for children attending these institutions to qualify for free school meals, the families must submit completed free meal applications and be determined eligible by the Child Nutrition Program.

##### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

**Q1:** One of my children attends public school and the other attends preschool at a day care center. Does my family have to submit an application for free meals?

**A1:** The student eating meals at public school does not require an approved application to avail of free school meals. The child attending the day care center is not eligible for free school meals without a free meal application approved by CNP. Make sure to include all household members on the application, including the students attending public schools. CEP benefits are not based on households, but on attendance at a CNMI public school. CEP benefits do not transfer to children attending private schools and day care centers.

**Q2:** My son attends a day care center in the morning and goes to kindergarten in the afternoon at a public school. Does my family have to submit an application for free meals?

**A2:** Your son can eat lunch without charge at the public school. He is not eligible for free breakfast meals served at the day care without a free meal application approved by CNP. Free meal applications are available at the Child Nutrition Program office, House 1251 Capital Hill Road. Applications are also available on the PSS website ([www.cn-mipss.org/child-nutrition-program/](http://www.cn-mipss.org/child-nutrition-program/)).

**Q3:** My daughter brings her lunch to school each day and only wants a milk or bottled water and not a full meal from the cafeteria. Since all the kids eat for free can she just take bottled water and not a full meal?

**A3:** No. USDA guidelines specifically state that a meal is a complete unit, is priced as a unit, and must be served as a unit. If a student only wants a bottle of water, that can be purchased a la carte in the cafeteria. All no-cost meals must follow USDA meal patterns. The goal of the school meals program is to provide well-balanced and nutritious meals to students. A la carte is always available, and individual items like bottled water, chocolate milk, and fruit juice must be purchased. Drinking water is provided free of charge from dispensers located in every public school cafeteria.

##### Summary of CNMI PSS Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Specifics:

1. CEP benefits only apply to meals served at CNMI public schools
2. Each student is eligible to take one free breakfast and one free lunch each school day
3. As of now, CEP benefits do not apply to meals served in day care centers and private schools.
4. Free meals are served as a unit. A la carte items such as water and juice must be purchased separately.

For more information, please contact the PSS Child Nutrition Office at 664-3901, -3902, -3904 or visit the office located in House #1251 on Capital Hill (across from the CNMI Medicaid office).

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# Product recalls for consumer safety

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has issued a recall of the following products:

## ■ Contigo Kids Cleanable Water Bottles

**Hazard:** The recall notice states that the water bottle's clear silicone spout can detach, posing a choking hazard to children. Contigo has received 149 reports of the spout detaching including 18 spouts found in children's mouths.

**Description:** The recall involves 5.7 million kids cleanable water bottles. The base and cover of the clear silicon spout will always be black. Only black spout base and spout cover models are included in this recall. Contigo is printed on the rim and along the front near the bottom of the bottle. The water bottles come in three sizes (13-ounce, 14-ounce, and 20-ounce) and four bottle designs (solid color, graphics color, stainless steel, and stainless-steel solid colors). The water bottles are sold individually as well as in two-packs and three-packs.

**Remedy:** Free lid replacement. Contact Contigo toll free at 888-262-0622 from 8am to 5pm ET Monday through Friday, or online at [www.gocontigo.com/recall](http://www.gocontigo.com/recall). For more information, visit

[www.gocontigo.com](http://www.gocontigo.com) and click on the "Recalls" tab at the bottom of the page.

## ■ Crate and Barrel activity push walkers (fast track recall)

**Hazard:** Walkers can be damaged over time exposing sharp points and small parts, posing choking and laceration hazards to small children. Crate and Barrel has received three reports of small parts becoming exposed but no injuries have been reported.

**Description:** The recall involves activity push walkers used to aid toddlers learning how to walk. The walkers stand about 17 inches high on four wheels and include a variety of integrated child development activities on their face. The SKU number 124-248 can be found on a white 1-square-inch sticker on the bottom of the walkers.

**Remedy:** Full refund. Contact Crate and Barrel at 800-451-8217 from 8am to 8pm CT Monday through Friday and 8am to 7pm CT Saturday and Sundays, or visit [www.crateandbarrel.com](http://www.crateandbarrel.com) and click on "Product Recall" for more information.

## ■ SAMpark Children's Pajamas

**Hazard:** The pajamas fail to meet the federal flammability standard for children's sleep-

wear that requires sleepwear to be either snug-fitting or flame resistant, posing a risk of burn injuries to children. There have been no injuries or incidents reported.

**Description:** The recall includes children's 100% cotton knit, two-piece short-sleeve top and pant pajama sets. The sets were sold in sizes 6 to 12 months through size 10Y. The sets were sold in the following prints: Acrofish, Neon, Crab, Elephant, Jellyfish, Mooch, Monkey, and Seahorse. A sewn-in neck label states "almirah [www.almirah.com](http://www.almirah.com)."

**Remedy:** Refund from the distributor. Contact SAMpark collect at 860-906-6285 from 10am to 4pm ET Monday through Friday, or by email at [sales@sampark.com](mailto:sales@sampark.com). For more information, visit [www.samparkusa.com](http://www.samparkusa.com) and click on the "Product Recalls" tab.

## ■ Happy Plugs Bluetooth wireless ii headphones (fast track recall)

**Hazard:** The micro-USB charging cable packaged with Happy Plugs wireless headphones can cause the headphones to overheat, posing a burn hazard to consumers. One incident of overheating while plugged into the micro-USB charging cables has been reported but no injuries have

been reported.

**Description:** This recall involves Bluetooth headphones sold with an external micro-USB charging cable. The micro-USB charging cable is a black cable about 20 inches in length with a USB 2.0 port on one end and a micro-USB port on the other. The UPC is printed on the back of the product packaging in the lower right corner and the item number is printed on the bottom of the product packaging.

**Remedy:** Free replacement headphones and charging cable. The recalled headphones can be returned to the original place of purchase or returned to Happy Plugs. Contact Happy Plugs at 800-419-2988 from 9am to 5pm PT Monday through Friday or by email at [customerservice@happyplugs.com](mailto:customerservice@happyplugs.com) and include "Recall" in the subject line. For more information and a complete list of recalled headphones, visit <https://happyplugs.com> and click on "Support" then "Warranty and Returns" then "Voluntary Recall and Exchange Program." The direct link to the recall page can be found at <https://happyplugs.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360024787134-Voluntary-Recall-and-Exchange-Program>.

## ■ Southwire Electrical outlet boxes (fast track recall)

**Hazard:** The electrical receptacles can overheat when in use, posing a fire hazard. Southwire has received three reports of the floor boxes overheating, but no injuries have been reported.

**Description:** This recall involves Garvin Pop-Up Floor Box Kits with a finish of either stainless steel or brushed brass that each include two electrical receptacles and two USB ports. The pop-up electrical outlet boxes are designed to be installed into floors with a metal lid that opens and closes to reveal the electrical receptacles and USB ports.

**Remedy:** Refund from the manufacturer. Contact Southwire toll free at 888-803-0492 from 7am to 6pm CT Monday through Friday, or online at [www.garvinindustries.com](http://www.garvinindustries.com). For more information, visit [www.southwire.com](http://www.southwire.com) and click on "Product Recall."

## ■ At Home Ultimate Shag Rugs

**Hazard:** The large shag rugs fail to meet the federal flammability standard for carpets and rugs, posing a fire hazard. The small shag rugs fail to meet federal labeling requirements. Small rugs are

not required to meet the federal flammability standard; however, they are required to be permanently labeled with the following statement: "FLAMMABLE (FAILS U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE STANDARD FF 2-70): SHOULD NOT BE USED NEAR SOURCES OF IGNITION."

**Description:** This recall involves eight models of Ultimate Shag Rugs, each with a label on the back stating "Ultimate Shag" and "At Home." The rugs also have "100% Polyester" and "Made in China" printed on the label. The SKU number can be found on the back of the rug.

**Remedy:** Refund. Contact At Home toll free at 888-359-4387 Monday through Friday 7am to 6pm CT, or by email at [productrecall@athome.com](mailto:productrecall@athome.com). For more information and a complete listing of the rugs subject to recall, visit [www.athome.com](http://www.athome.com) and click on product safety.

Contact Office of the Attorney General consumer counsel Michele Harris at 670-237-7500 should you have any questions or concerns. You may also contact the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission information hotline at 800-638-2772 from 8am to 5pm EST to get product safety and other agency information and to report unsafe products. (PR)



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-19-014, Rev.1

#### SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF PRIMARY SCREEN, GRIT & FOG REMOVAL EQUIPMENT

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified vendors for the supply and delivery of Primary Screen, Grit and Fog Removal Equipment for the Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Plant at CUC Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-work will be emailed to all registered prospective proposers email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

*A Proposal Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety.*

**One (1) original and four (4) hard copies**, must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-19-014, Rev.1, Supply and Delivery of Primary Screen, Grit and Fog Removal Equipment for the Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Plant, Saipan" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **September 16, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 23, 2019** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator at email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Westen Knudsen, P.E., Senior Engineer for Water/Wastewater at email address [westen.knudsen@cucgov.org](mailto:westen.knudsen@cucgov.org) and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrative Technician, Senior at email address [christie.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:christie.sablan@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

WILLIAM GILMORE  
Acting, Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR.  
Purchasing Administrator



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-19-033

#### REQUEST FOR FEE PROPOSAL FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from professional Archaeologist who meets U.S. Department of Interior qualifications (36CFR61) to create a work plan to prepare information, data, and documentation needed to conduct Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) review with aim of completing Section 106 Review and generating archaeological expectations necessary for the proposed CUC waterline and sewerline projects proposed for FY 19. The selected consultant shall provide necessary assessment within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) of the proposed waterline and sewerline installation satisfactory to the CUC, United States Environmental Protection Agency and State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$50.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-work will be emailed to all registered prospective proposers email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

**One (1) original and four (4) hard copies**, must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-19-033, Request for Fee Proposal for Archaeological Services" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **September 23, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 6, 2019** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator at email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, Engineer for Water Division at email address [nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org](mailto:nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org) and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrative Technician, Senior at email address [christie.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:christie.sablan@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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Acting, Executive Director

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Purchasing Administrator



## KagES to temporarily relocate classes to ChaCha

To ensure students and all stakeholders’ safety, Kagman Elementary School will temporarily relocate and hold classroom instructions at Chacha Oceanview Middle School due to an electrical issue, Education Commissioner Glenn P. Muña said Thursday.

School year 2019-2020 will begin tomorrow, Sept. 3.

Under a temporary double-session setup, Kagman Elementary School will be ac-

commodated by its next-door neighbor, Chacha Oceanview Middle School, as a private contractor have been working to restore the school’s power connection back to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. power grid, Muña said.

Kagman Elementary School lost power connection last week and the Public School System, with the assistance of CUC, has been working with the contractor immediately

restore power, Muña explained.

“With our Kagman students, parents and stakeholders’ safety and welfare our utmost priority, we regretfully have to temporarily hold classroom instruction under a double-session setup at Chacha Oceanview Middle School,” Muña said. “We have been working closely with the private contractor, along with CUC, and we’re advised that this will just be temporary as they work round-the-clock to

## IT&E extends deadline for entries for jingle contest

IT&E has extended the deadline to enter the IT&E Song Challenge!

Musicians in Guam and the CNMI have until Friday, Sept. 6, to channel their creativity into composing a song about IT&E and mobile technology to win up to \$7,000 dollars in cash and prizes!

### Who can enter

Guam and CNMI residents 18 years old and over can enter. All genres are welcome!

### Requirements and theme

Lyrics must mention and promote IT&E. Song must include themes of technology, cell phones and its usage, as well as how IT&E benefits one’s life.

### Judging criteria

Entries will be judged based

on universal appeal, originality, lyrics, melody, composition and relevance to theme, IT&E brand, and IT&E products.

### Categories

IT&E’s Choice: IT&E will choose one song to be its official theme.

People’s Choice: A panel of judges will choose the Top 8 finalists. Residents of Guam and the CNMI will choose one winner from the Top 8 finalists as the People’s Choice.

### Prizes

IT&E’s Choice: \$1,000 cash prize and up to 4 phones (depending on the number of people in the group) with free SMS, voice and data service for a year. The winner will also be featured in

a music video produced by IT&E and will get to perform at an IT&E sponsored event, to be announced at a later date.

People’s Choice: \$500 cash prize and \$300 gift certificate for musical equipment. The People’s Choice winner will also get to perform at an IT&E sponsored event, to be announced at a later date.

### How to enter

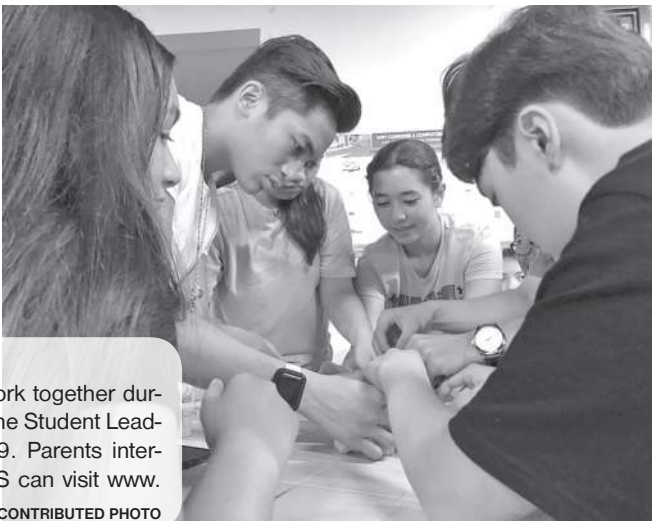
- Go to [www.ite.net](http://www.ite.net).
- Fill out the registration form.
- Upload the full song of no more than 5 minutes, a 60-second version and a 30-second version. Audio only. Each file must not be larger than 100 MB.
- Last day for submission is Sept. 6, 2019 at 11:59pm. **(PR)**

meet the target power restoration between the next four to six weeks.”

Muña extended his appreciation to all Kagman public education stakeholders for their continued understanding and patience as the school district continues to ensure a smooth and seamless reopening of classes. **(PR)**

### TEAM-BUILDING

Mount Carmel School students work together during a team-building activity during the Student Leadership Retreat last Aug. 24, 2019. Parents interested in learning more about MCS can visit [www.mountcarmelsaipan.com](http://www.mountcarmelsaipan.com).



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## Manibusan joins coalition seeking support for autism services

Attorney General Edward Manibusan has joined a bipartisan coalition of 47 attorneys general calling upon Congress to authorize the Autism CARES Act of 2019. This legislation provides ongoing federal support for research into autism spectrum disorders and services to those affected by these conditions.

In the CNMI, Public Law 16-28 created the Commonwealth Autism Commission to develop a comprehensive plan for services for individuals with autism.

“I highly encourage the members of the Commonwealth Autism Commission to take part in supporting the Autism CARES Act reauthorization bill to U.S. Congress,” said Manibusan in

a statement released Thursday. “There are a number of children and adults in the CNMI who are diagnosed with ASD and it is important that these individuals continue to receive services with the support of the Autism Commission.”

The coalition is co-led by Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill and Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood.

“The United States is a caring and compassionate nation,” Hill said. “As Americans, we must stand together to help alleviate the challenges imposed by ASD upon families across the country.”

A previous version of this legislation is set to expire on Sept. 30, 2019.

The Autism CARES Act of

2019 currently exists as H.R. 1058 in the U.S. House of Representatives and S. 427 in the U.S. Senate. Congress began addressing autism in 2000 with the first enactment of the bill. The Autism CARES Act of 2019 will continue Congress’ ongoing mission to ensure that those living with ASD receive the necessary support and research.

“We are committed to providing a wide array of programs and services to support children and adults with autism, and their families,” Hood said. “The Act responds to this national concern with a cohesive interagency effort, including programs for America’s rural and underdeveloped communities.” **(PR)**

## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director

# INVITATION FOR BIDS

## CUC-IFB-19-024

### W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists of the installation of gravity sewer main, new service laterals, connection to existing laterals, the abandonment of existing sewer manholes, and the elimination of the old W-5 wet well and the W-6 sewer lift station.

*The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and CUC. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.*

CUC requires the project to be completed in **270 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **September 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 7, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies** of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **“CUC-IFB-19-024, W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination”** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 27, 2019**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of **fifteen percent (15%)** of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of **one hundred percent (100%)** of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of **one hundred percent (100%)** of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract may be contingent upon the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) approval. If CPUC approval is required, the contract will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 16, 2019** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org), with a copy to Larry Manacop, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email at [larry.manacop@cucgov.org](mailto:larry.manacop@cucgov.org), Nicolette Villagomez, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email at [nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org](mailto:nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org), and Ms. Christie Sablan, Purchasing Technician, Senior, via email address at [christie.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:christie.sablan@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

**GARY P. CAMACHO**  
Executive Director

**MANNY BOYER SABLAN**  
Purchasing Administrator

## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director

# INVITATION FOR BIDS

## CUC-IFB-19-025

### ROTA WATER CAVE ENCLOSURE

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Rota Water Cave Enclosure in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists of the installation of a new concrete CMU block wall enclosure, screened aluminum doors, drain pipes, fencing upgrades; and other related work. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

*This project is funded by a grant from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Public Law 20-61.*

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **180 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **August 30, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Rota Directors Office, Sinapalo, Rota.

**One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **“CUC-IFB-19-025, Rota Water Cave Enclosure”**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on September 19, 2019**. Bid Submissions will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:15 AM (ChST) the same day. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on September 3, 2019** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Edgar Tuazon, Water Division, Jr. Engineer via email address [edgar.tuazon@cucgov.org](mailto:edgar.tuazon@cucgov.org) and Christie Sablan, CUC P&S, Purchasing Technician, Senior via email address [christie.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:christie.sablan@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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## EDITORIAL

### The gift of Labor Day: A Sunday without the Scaries



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Ryan Keegan reads a book in a hammock along Lake Michigan at North Avenue Beach in Chicago, Ill. on Thursday, July 11, 2019.

Of the seven days allotted to a week, many working people keep claim on just two: Saturday and Sunday. The latter is often plagued by existential anxiety as the weekend draws to a close.

Technology has helpfully disseminated a name for this unease: the #SundayScaries. Dread gathers as the looming week ahead can no longer be denied. You won't be sleeping late the next day. There will not be waffles.

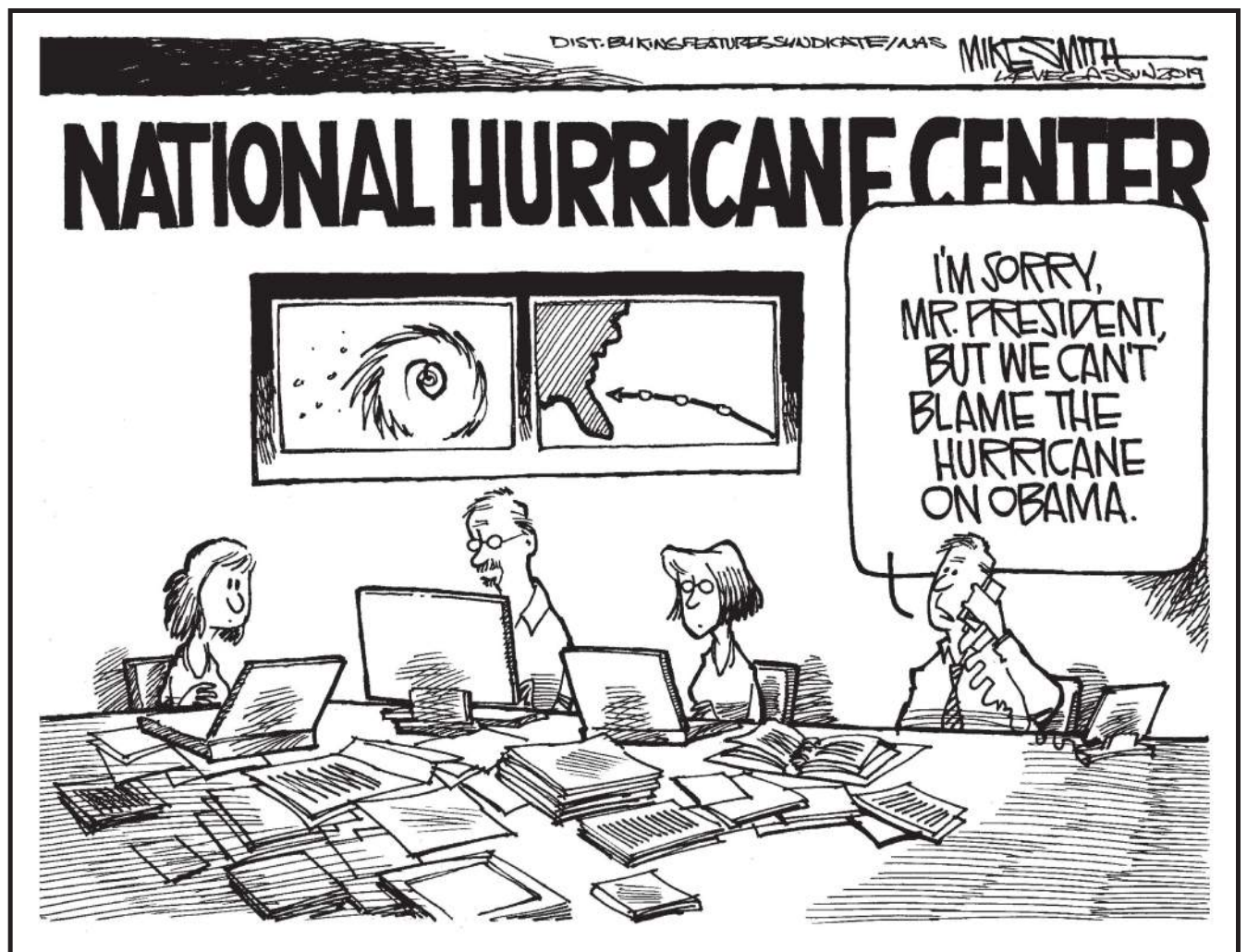
A hint of the Scaries is normal, like the minor yet shattering readjustment of Monday, the dull challenge of Tuesday and the beginning glimmer of Thursday. Too severe a case, and it might be time to reconsider your work life.

What if your week doesn't wait till Monday to begin? Laptops and smartphones long ago rubbed out traditional lines between on and off the clock. "Sunday Night is the New Monday Morning, and Workers Are Miserable," a recent *The Wall Street Journal* headline declared, connecting the Scaries to the job creep of the technology age.

A voluntary quick check of email, calendar and Slack messages might make an employee feel less surprised and more prepared for the week, easing the shock of Monday morning. Yet a work culture that squeezes employees for extra time on Sunday, crimping or merely interrupting precious leisure time, can fuel burnout.

There is one sure cure for the Sunday Scaries: a work-week that begins on Tuesday. Genius! Thank you, Labor Day, for a fully enjoyable summer Sunday, and for reality being one more day away.

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### Best words can be our best weapons

There was a time when we amused each other by sharing the latest blurtations from our new national punchline. Like that December 2015 day in Hilton Head, S.C., when Donald Trump boasted to his campaign audience: "I went to an Ivy League School. I'm very highly educated. I know words. I have the best words."

But none of that seems funny anymore. Every new spin of our nonstop news cycles forces us to confront a national reality that is sad and somber. The whole world is watching, in real time, the decline and fall of the United States of America as the leader of the free world. It is a sad downward trajectory, propelled by our president's fraying, flailing, seemingly panicky on-the-job performance.

This was Trump's week that was:

Trump strongly pushes the G-7 to readmit Russia, which was ousted after Russia militarily seized Crimea from Ukraine in 2014—but his counterparts reject his overtures. Trump insisted Vladimir Putin somehow "outsmarted" Barack Obama, who "was unable to stop it."

Trump's chair sits vacant during a crucial G-7 climate change meeting. Trump's aides send word that his meetings with Germany's and India's leaders ran late. But Germany's and India's leaders are sitting right there!

Trump spreads the word that he's going to Denmark because he wants to buy Greenland. When Denmark's stunned Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen says Greenland isn't for sale, Trump abruptly cancels his planned visit.

Trump demands his aides build his Mexican border wall before the 2020 election—and reportedly says if they must ignore laws and regs to do it, he'll pardon them. Trump's aides say he was only joking.

Trump tweets insults at Puerto Ricans as corrupt as a hurricane bears down on them. He is complaining he wasn't properly thanked for past aid.

Once again, we're all waiting for our sensible leaders of both parties, who were always there for us in the past, to rescue us from our apparently untethered commander-in-chief. But the Party formerly known as the Grand Old is afraid to take a stand.

And they're getting away with pretending they can't see what the world sees, in part because of a failing by another category of players in our process of governance. I'm referring to my news media colleagues.

We help set the agenda of those who govern by what we choose to report—and how we report it. But when it comes to Russia's cyber-aggression against America, my colleagues apparently don't have the best words. Or they've forgotten how to use them to report clearly to Americans what is happening.

Even the very best in our news business have fallen into the lazy-

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thinking trap of using the same journalistic cliché: We report Russia "meddled" in our 2016 election—and is already "meddling" in our 2020 campaign. As in *The New York Times* July 25 headline that said: "Defending Inquiry, Mueller Says Russia Isn't Done Meddling." And the question PBS' respected *NewsHour* correspondent Yamiche Alcindor asked Trump at Monday's G-7 press conference: "Why do you think it's appropriate to invite Russia to the G7, given that they've meddled in the 2016 election?"

Meddling? It's become journalism's mindless reflexive kneecap default word. But *Miriam-Webster Dictionary* says meddling merely means "intruding in an inconsiderate and annoying fashion ... (as in) 'please stop meddling in your sister's marriage, even though you mean well.'"

Russia didn't merely meddle—Russia "attacked" America's homeland in 2016 with cybersecurity weapons to "sabotage" America's democracy. All U.S. agencies agree Russia attacked to help Trump defeat Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton. Russia successfully broke into U.S. political computer files, stole and disseminated U.S. political documents, subverted U.S. social media by spreading lies and false information to help Trump win. (Clinton lost due to her own campaign failures, not Russia's successes. She failed to establish a bond with blue collar Americans; they trusted Trump.)

No doubt Trump and his strategists sigh with relief every time the very best of my media colleagues talk or write about Russia's efforts to merely "meddle" in our elections in 2016 and 2020. What Trump needed to be asked at the G-7—and needs to be asked until he addresses it—is:

"Why do you think it is appropriate to invite Russia to next year's G-7 conference given the fact that your intelligence officials say Russian cyber-attackers tried to sabotage America's democracy in 2016—and now they're attacking us again?"

Like presidents, we reporters also need the best words. We need them now, maybe more than ever, to make sure Americans gets the best and most accurate wake-up call about the danger that is targeting our democracy.



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## A 'lost' generation?

There are people in every generation who believe the generation following theirs is either going to the dogs or will ruin the country.

A new Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll lends credence to that way of thinking, especially where Generation Z/millennials (those born in the mid-1990s to mid-2000s) and Generation X (those born in the early-to-mid 1960s to the early 1980s) are concerned.

The poll of 1,000 adults earlier this month found that "younger generations rate patriotism, religion and having children as less important to them than did young people two decades ago."

The poll contrasts with a similar survey conducted by the Journal 21 years ago. When asked then which values were most important, respondents sounded like their parents and grandparents, saying "hard work, patriotism, commitment to religion and the goal of having children."

Not only will these current findings likely impact next year's election (most of those running for president with more than single-digit polling numbers are much older men and women and thus represent a generation gap), they could also have serious implications for the future of the country.

The Founders and subsequent generations—perhaps excepting the Gilded Age and the horrors of slavery—mostly believed in the virtues younger people either now reject or approach with indifference.

How can this be? What has happened between the World War II generation, which gave so much so their children and grand-

children might enjoy the blessings of liberty, and the current generation, which seems cool to what once seemed to matter most?

Generalizations are always problematic, but I have lived long enough and witnessed the general decline to make some.

Prosperity is one explanation. People who make more money than previous generations and possess a lot of stuff seem less inclined to participate in community (how many of us know our neighbors, who are here today and move tomorrow?). Stuff and the personal satisfaction of achievement lead to a decline in one's need for God—too much money, too little purpose.

Politicians become a god-substitute and politics their religion. Creeping secularism has affected theological truth to the point where people can believe whatever they want—or nothing at all—and escape correction. Heresy, even apostasy, has infiltrated many churches.

Then there is culture. Younger people are exposed to what we collectively call "media" more than any previous generation. Most of what constitutes culture proceeds from a singular worldview that denigrates, or does not promote, patriotism, belief in God and values previous generations not only took for granted, but instilled in their children.

Unrestricted abortion has cheapened how many young people view the value of human life. For growing numbers of the young, marriage has become passe as children witness the pain of their parents' divorce and decide that living together without a formal, legal, or spiritual commitment is better than risking the cost and pain of ending a marriage. For some, children are viewed as a financial burden and an intrusion on adult lifestyles.

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Sociologists and historians will tell us these things are cyclical, like weather. That has been true in the past when spiritual revivals often followed a fallow period of faithlessness and a focus on self. I'm not sure that cycle will repeat with younger people, given what they are taught at public schools and in liberal universities.

The values that shaped and sustained America through economic downturns and wars had to be taught and instilled in the next generation. Today's younger people, as reflected in the poll, seem intent on making their own rules (if they can be called rules) and creating their own gods.

They will eventually learn the impossibility of it all as their substitutions will fail them. The question is can America survive when our moral, spiritual and patriotic foundations are destroyed? If you don't love your country, what's the point of having one?

## Throwing America under the bus

Beto O'Rourke has taken the measure of America and found it wanting.

"This country, though we would like to think otherwise," he intoned, "was founded on racism, has persisted through racism and is racist today."

This is now a mainstream sentiment in the Democratic Party. Bernie Sanders said earlier this year that the United States was "created" in large part "on racist principles." The New York Times has begun the so-called 1619 Project, marking the 400th anniversary of the importation of slaves from Africa.

The series seeks nothing less than "to reframe the country's history, understanding 1619 as our true founding, and placing the consequences of slavery and the contributions of black Americans at the very center of the story we tell ourselves about who we are."

It is certainly true that an American nation existed prior to the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and slavery was its great sin, with permutations still felt today. But to pretend that racism is the essence of America and constituted one of the country's founding principles is an odious and reductive lie.

It doesn't explain why any reference to slavery was kept out of the Constitution. James Madison, per his notes during the drafting convention, "thought it wrong to admit in the Constitution

the idea that there could be property in men." The careful avoidance of the term was subsequently used to buttress the position of opponents of slavery from John Quincy Adams to Abraham Lincoln to Frederick Douglass. The great black abolitionist asked, "if the Constitution were intended to be, by its framers and adopters, a slave-holding instrument, why neither slavery, slaveholding, nor slave can anywhere be found in it?"

Of course, in crucial respects the Constitution was indeed a compromise with slaveholders. It's not clear why it would be considered better if, in the absence of such a compromise, slave states had possibly gone their own way to create a rump nation-state wholly devoted to slavery and not yoked to a North that became more anti-slavery over time.

"The Revolution suddenly and effectively ended the cultural climate that had allowed black slavery, as well as other forms of bondage and unfreedom, to exist throughout the colonial period without serious challenge," the historian Gordon Wood writes. In his view, it set in motion the "ideological and social forces" that eventually led to the Civil War.

In the broadest gauge, it's a mistake to treat the United States as an outlier in terms of its racial attitudes, when it was really an outlier in its (imperfect) embrace of liberty.

By **RICH LOWRY**

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Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.



"Europeans did not outdo others in enslaving people or treating slaves viciously," the late historians Elizabeth Fox-Genovese and Eugene Genovese observed. "They outdid others by creating a Christian civilization that eventually stirred moral condemnation of slavery and roused mass movements against it."

"Today we ask: How could Christians or any civilized people have lived with themselves as slaveholders? But the historically appropriate question is: What, after millennia of general acceptance, made Christians—and, subsequently, those of other faiths—judge slavery an enormity not to be endured?"

It's not a question anyone running in the Democratic presidential primaries, or editing *The New York Times*, is inclined to ask.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

## Have we considered all our options?

This week some of our kids will be back in school full-time and others will be attending as part-timers—something like six hours of class time for some students versus three hours of class time for others. Somehow, we've elected to call them "double-session schools" which is a misnomer at best and disingenuous if we're being truthful. Kids aren't attending double sessions; they're taking half-days.

I'm of the understanding that the Public School System has conceded to the fact that those schools cannot be fixed, much less ready for full-time classes for at least the remainder of the year, if not longer.

So in spite of the silence in response to my last set of inquiries,

here are some more questions: Are the full-time schools ready to absorb kids from "out-of-zone"? I thought about enrolling mine outside of my village school. And if not, how do we justify offering one set of students full-time schooling while telling others that they need to accept half-time status? As students of our Public School System, aren't they all entitled to equitable services from our school system and aren't we obligated to ensure equitable services to all? Maybe we can look at this as less of a legal question as much as it is a moral one?

Or, maybe more importantly, have we considered or explored alternatives to simply leaving some students in the lurch? Are we really throwing our hands up and saying that there is nothing more we can do?

As an example, I took a teaching job at San Vicente Elementary School in 1995 when I was handed an anomaly of a schedule that we called the "track system." If memory serves me right, the track system was implemented as a means to cope with not having enough classrooms to accommodate the number of students at that time. It took building more classrooms before the school system was able to adjust to a "regular" school year schedule.

The track system worked well given the circumstances (not too much unlike the circumstances today).

Personally (as a teacher), I really enjoyed the track system; of course, people had differing opinions about how good or bad it was for the students. I have a feeling the mere mention of it might stir up some naysayers. Still, I'd say without hesitation that the track system would be far more beneficial to our students today than the proposed half-day cop-out that we're offering.

The point and primary question is, have we considered other options besides the half-day schedules? If not, why not? And if so, what are they? Why haven't we (the public) heard about them? Can anything else be done? I'd really like to know—only four more days until classes begin.

Again, my apologies to any of you who may take offense to my questions and/or my tone...airing frustrations/concerns is never easy.






**Jim Rayphand**

San Vicente, Saipan

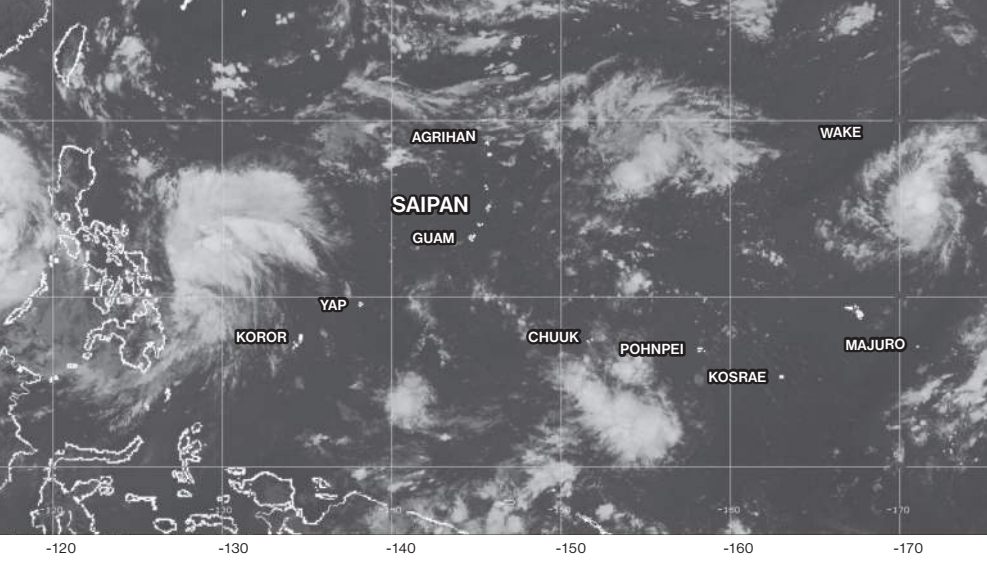


# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
									
Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.		Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.		Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms.		Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms.		Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers.	
88°	77°	89°	78°	88°	78°	88°	78°	88°	78°

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



**PICTURE TIME: 8:15 AM, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Models show mainly easterly trade-winds prevailing across the Marianas into the middle of next week. Models keep showers mainly isolated through the forecast although deep layer moisture will increase by mid-week. Favorable upper-level winds did produce a few thunderstorms over the local area Saturday and this morning. The proximity of the trough will produce a few isolated thunderstorms through Monday. A circulation now near Pohnpei will pass south of Guam by Tuesday. This circulation plus a trough that will develop north of it will keep thunderstorms in the forecast though Friday. Models hint at the possibility of scattered showers the second half of the week and deep layer moisture predictions also suggest this possibility from Wednesday to Friday.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	85° / 78°	
Palau	Thunderstorm	84° / 78°	
Yap	Thunderstorm	85° / 80°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	86° / 75°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	86° / 75°	
Majuro	Thunderstorm	85° / 78°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	61° / 54°	
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	82° / 68°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorm	86° / 81°	
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	85° / 74°	
London	Partly Cloudy	68° / 54°	
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	86° / 68°	
Manila	Thunderstorm	90° / 77°	
Melbourne	Showers	54° / 43°	
Miami	Thunderstorm	88° / 81°	
New York	Partly Cloudy	91° / 79°	
Osaka	Thunderstorm	90° / 79°	
Paris	Thunderstorm	72° / 55°	
Busan	Thunderstorm	84° / 79°	
Rome	Sunny	88° / 64°	
Salem	Thunderstorm	88° / 71°	
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	64° / 57°	
Seoul	Thunderstorm	82° / 68°	
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	91° / 77°	
Washington, DC	Thunderstorm	93° / 73°	



### NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.net](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.net)

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
3:41 AM	LOW TIDE	0.63	
9:19 AM	HIGH TIDE	2.14	
4:00 PM	LOW TIDE	0.26	
10:05 PM	HIGH TIDE	2.09	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:04 AM	6:29 PM
Tuesday	6:04 AM	6:28 PM
Wednesday	6:04 AM	6:27 PM
Thursday	6:04 AM	6:26 PM
Friday	6:04 AM	6:26 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	8:37 AM	8:56 PM	-
Tuesday	9:36 AM	9:42 PM	-
Wednesday	10:34 AM	10:28 PM	-
Thursday	11:31 AM	11:16 PM	-
Friday	12:27 PM	-	-

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 15, 2019

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	9:15am	10:00am	Daily	UA174	7:30am	8:15am	Daily
UA105	6:25pm	7:05pm	2, 4	UA104	4:50pm	5:31pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:30am	6:30am	4	7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7	7C3452	9:35pm	2:30am+1	3
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily	7C3402	9:30am	3:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1
7C3403	4:45am	8:35am	1, 2, 3, 5, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	5:00am	8:30am	4	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	5:00am	8:50am	6	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	1, 2, 4, 6, 7
7C3401	4:10pm	7:45pm	4, 7	7C3404	10:40pm	4:10am+1	3, 5
7C3401	4:10pm	8:10pm	1, 2, 3, 5, 6				
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:50am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (GHG)				HANGZHOU (GHG)-SAIPAN			
JD396	7:30am	12:05pm	1	JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4	JD395	8:50pm	5:00am+1	7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6	3U8645	8:10pm	3:10am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:50pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA117/183	9:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA192/174	9:45pm	8:12am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA117/183	9:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/174	10:25pm	8:12am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	9:15am	10:40pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR	UA184/174	11:30pm	8:12am+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:20pm	00:30am+1	3, 7
UO43	5:35am	8:25am	1	UO42	6:25pm	1:20am+1	7
UO43	5:50am	8:40am	3, 5, 7	UO42	9:25pm	4:20am+1	2, 4, 6
UA117/159	9:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	UA116/174	10:45pm	8:12am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; BC SkyMark ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

## STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

SAIPAN TO ROTA				1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily	1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily	1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily	1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN				1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily	1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily	1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily	1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM							
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY				
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily				
GUAM TO ROTA							
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY				
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily				
SAIPAN TO TINIAN							
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY				
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily				
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily				



2019 Labor Day

Photos by MARC A. VENUS



Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, and Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang pose for a photo with members and spectators of the Labor Day celebration last Saturday at the Garapan Fishing Base.



Bernie Sablan Cabrera, second right, poses for a photo with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, Commonwealth Health Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muña, and Lt. Gov. Arnold Palacios during last Saturday's Labor Day celebration at the Garapan Fishing Base. Cabrera's son, Jeffrey Sablan, was awarded as the Overall Saipan Employee of the Year.



Juan Camacho of the Department of Fire & Emergency Management Services shakes Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' hand as he receives his award as DFEMS' Employee of the Year during last Saturday's Labor Day celebration at the Garapan Fishing Base.



The American and CNMI national anthems are played at the start of last Saturday's Labor Day celebration at the Garapan Fishing Base.



Members of the Department of Community & Cultural Affairs pose for a picture during last Saturday's Labor Day celebration at the Garapan Fishing Base.



Members of the CNMI Museum and Saipan Mayor's Office pose for a picture during last Saturday's Labor Day Celebration at the Garapan Fishing Base.



Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Employee of the Year Gerard Borja, third right, poses for a picture with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, and Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios during last Saturday's Labor Day celebration at the Garapan Fishing Base.



A participant in last Saturday's Labor Day celebration sings to the crowd at the Garapan Fishing Base.



Labor Day celebration entertainer Gus Kaipat sings the national anthems during last Saturday's Labor Day celebration at the Garapan Fishing Base.



A representative of the Marianas Visitors Authority, third right, poses for a picture with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, and Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang during last Saturday's Labor Day celebration at the Garapan Fishing Base. MVA's Employee of the Year Demalynn Pagarao was not present.



# Business

## United Airlines announces MileagePlus miles never expire

CHICAGO—United Airlines announced that effective immediately, MileagePlus award miles never expire, giving members a lifetime to use miles on flights, experiences, hotels and more.

“We want to demonstrate to our members that we are committing to them for the

» **Airline continues to make improvements to its award-winning MileagePlus loyalty program**

long-haul and giving customers a lifetime to use miles is an exceptionally meaningful benefit,” said Luc Bondar, vice president of loyalty and president of MileagePlus at United. “Our MileagePlus program provides customers more ways to earn and use miles than any other U.S. airline. More customers used miles to



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

United Airlines continues to enhance its award-winning MileagePlus program, making it more beneficial for customers.

book award trips in 2018 than in any year before, and we expect with today’s announcement that even more will use miles to travel the world in the years to come.”

United continues to enhance its award-winning MileagePlus program, making it more beneficial for customers. Highlights include:

■ Recently announced

partnership with CLEAR that includes free or discounted CLEAR membership pricing for U.S.-based MileagePlus members.

■ Award travel to more destinations than any other U.S. airline with service to more than 1,300 destinations through United and Star Alliance partners, and ability to book award travel on United and all Star Alliance partners through the United mobile app.

■ Most low-priced economy award availability of any global U.S. airline.

■ Everyday opportunities to use miles starting as low as 1,000 miles for eGift cards when purchasing through

MileagePlusX.

In 2019, United is focusing more than ever on its commitment to its customers, looking at every aspect of its business to ensure that the carrier keeps customers’ best interests at the heart of its service. In addition to today’s announcement, United recently announced that luxury skincare line Sunday Riley will make products exclusively for United customers to experience in amenity kits, released a re-imagined version of the most downloaded app in the airline industry, introduced ConnectionSaver, a new tool dedicated to improving the experience for customers connecting from one United flight

to the next and made DIRECTV free for every passenger on 211 aircraft, offering more than 100 channels on seat back monitors on more than 30,000 seats.

United’s shared purpose is “Connecting People. Uniting the World.” We are more focused than ever on our commitment to customers through a series of innovations and improvements designed to help build a great experience: Every customer. Every flight. Every day. Together, United Airlines and United Express operate approximately 4,900 flights a day to 356 airports across five continents. In 2018, United and United Express operated more than 1.7 million flights carrying more than 158 million customers. United is proud to have the world’s most comprehensive route network, including U.S. mainland hubs in Chicago, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, New York/Newark, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. United operates 783 mainline aircraft and the airline’s United Express carriers operate 561 regional aircraft. United is a founding member of Star Alliance, which provides service to 193 countries via 28-member airlines. For more information, visit [united.com](http://united.com), follow @United on Twitter and Instagram or connect on Facebook. The common stock of United’s parent, United Airlines Holdings, Inc., is traded on the Nasdaq under the symbol “UAL.” (PR)

## ‘They’re on,’ Trump says of tariffs set to kick in on Sunday

WASHINGTON (AP)—Expect a direct hit on many U.S. consumers from President Donald Trump’s latest round of tariffs on Chinese imports. He had no intention of pulling back on import taxes set to kick in Sunday.

“They’re on. They’re on,” the president told reporters Friday before departing for a weekend stay at Camp David.

Americans were largely spared from higher prices in his previous rounds of trade penalties. No longer. The 15% tariffs on \$112 billion in Chinese imports will apply to items ranging from smartwatches and TVs to shoes, diapers, sporting goods and meat and dairy products.

For the first time since Trump launched his trade war, American households faced price increases. Many U.S. companies said they would be forced to pass on to customers the higher prices they had to pay on Chinese imports.

Despite the looming pocketbook pain for Americans, Trump tried to frame the tariffs as putting the United States “in an incredible negotiating position” with Beijing. “It’s only going to get worse for China.”

For more than a year, the world’s two largest economies have been locked in a high-stakes duel marked by Trump’s escalating penalties on Chinese goods and Beijing’s retaliatory tariffs.

The two sides have held pe-

riodic talks that seem to have met little progress despite glimmers of potential breakthroughs. All the while, they have imposed tariffs on billions of each other’s products in a rift over what analysts say is Beijing’s predatory tactics in its drive to become the supreme high-tech superpower.

“We’re going to win the fight,” Trump asserted.

American consumers so far had been spared the worst of it: The Trump administration had left most everyday household items off its tariff list (valued at \$250 billion in Chinese products so far) and instead targeted industrial goods.

Under the new tariff schedule, 69% of the consumer goods Americans buy from China were facing his import taxes, compared with 29% now.

Higher tariffs also were set to kick in for another batch of Chinese products—\$160 billion worth—on Dec. 15. By then, roughly 99% of made-in-China consumer goods imported to the United States will be taxed, according to calculations by Chad Bown of the Peterson Institute for International Economics.

Overall, Trump’s trade war will have raised the average tariff on Chinese imports from 3.1% in 2017, before the hostilities began, to 24.3%.

“The bottom line is that, for the first time, Trump’s trade war is likely to directly raise prices for a lot of household budget

items like clothing, shoes, toys, and consumer electronics,” Bown wrote in an report.

Trump famously declared that trade wars are “easy to win.” But for months, he falsely claimed that China itself paid the tariffs and that they left Americans unscathed. In fact, U.S. importers pay the tariffs. They must make a high-risk decision: absorb the higher costs themselves and accept lower profits or pass on their higher costs to their customers and risk losing business.

This has become an ever-more-difficult decision.

After years of ultra-low inflation, consumers have grown more resistant to price hikes, especially when they can easily compare prices online for household products and choose the lowest-price options. For that reason, many retailers may choose not to impose the cost of the higher tariffs on their customers.

The higher costs U.S. importers faced could be offset somewhat by the declining value of China’s currency, which has the effect of making China’s products somewhat less expensive in the United States.

Still, the prices of certain goods will cost Americans more. Trump tacitly acknowledged this a few weeks ago by announcing a delay in his higher tariffs on \$160 billion in imports until Dec. 15—to keep them from squeezing holiday shoppers.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### BankGuam Holding Company declares dividends

BankGuam Holding Company (BKGMF) announced that its Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.10 per share for the holders of its common stock and a dividend payment to the holders of the Company’s 5.5% Fixed Rate/Floating Rate Noncumulative Preferred Stock, Series A, at its Board’s regular meeting held on Monday, Aug. 26, 2019. The dividends will be paid on Sept. 30, 2019, to shareholders of record as of Sept. 13, 2019. (PR)

#### Judges say travelers can sue TSA over screener mistreatment

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A U.S. appeals court says travelers can sue the government over mistreatment by federal airport screeners because the agents can act like law enforcement officers, including when they conduct invasive searches. The 9-4 decision Friday by the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned earlier rulings and is a setback for the Transportation Security Administration and its screeners. The government is generally immune from lawsuits, but a federal law lets people sue over the actions of officers who can conduct searches and arrest people. A district court and a three-judge panel of the same appeals court said TSA

officers are just screeners who inspect passengers and bags. The full appeals court said, however, that screeners aren’t entitled to immunity from lawsuits because they perform searches for violations of federal law. The court majority noted that TSA calls the screeners officers, they wear uniforms with badges including that title, and hold positions of authority.

#### Dicamba complaints continue despite federal, state efforts

CHAMPAIGN, ILL. (AP)—For the third straight year, a volatile pesticide is damaging crops across the Midwest and South, despite federal and state efforts to lessen the drift. Since 2017, farmers have sprayed an increasing amount of the weed killer, called dicamba, on soybean and cotton crops genetically engineered by agribusiness company Monsanto to withstand being sprayed by the herbicide. But each year, dicamba has drifted off-target and damaged millions of acres of non-resistant soybeans, specialty crops and other plants. In fact, farmers in Illinois, the nation’s leading soybean producing state, have reported record levels of crop damage caused by pesticide drift in 2019, with 590 dicamba-related complaints as of Aug. 23. In 2017, the state had 246 dicamba-related complaints. In 2018, the state had 330.



# Nation

## 5 dead after man stopped by Texas troopers goes on rampage

**MIDLAND, Texas (AP)**—At least five people are dead in West Texas after a man stopped by state troopers for failing to signal a left turn opened fire and fled, shooting more than 20 people as he drove before being killed by officers outside a movie theater, authorities said.

The shooting began Saturday afternoon with an interstate traffic stop where gunfire was exchanged with police, setting off a chaotic rampage during which the suspect hijacked a mail carrier truck and fired at random as he drove in the area of Odessa and Midland, two cities in the heart of Texas oil country more than 300 miles (483 kilometers) west of Dallas.

Police initially reported possible multiple shooters, but Odessa Police Chief Michael Gerke later said there was only one male suspect in his 30s.

The suspect shot “at innocent civilians all over Odessa,” according to a statement from Odessa police, which did not name the man or offer motive.

The terrifying chain of events began when Texas state troopers tried pulling over a gold car mid-Saturday afternoon on Interstate 20 for



Authorities cordon off a part of the sidewalk in the 5100 block of E. 42nd Street in Odessa, Texas, Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019.

failing to signal a left turn, Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Katherine Cesinger said. Before the vehicle came to a complete stop, the driver “pointed a rifle toward the rear window of his car and fired several shots” toward the patrol car stopping him. The gunshots struck one of two troopers inside

the patrol car, Cesinger said, after which the gunman fled and continued shooting. Two other police officers were shot before the suspect was killed. The condition of the three law enforcement officers injured was not immediately released.

Gerke said there were at least 21 civilian shooting victims. He said at least five

people died. He did not say whether the shooter was included among those five dead, and it was not clear whether he was including the five dead among the at least 21 civilian shooting victims.

Shauna Saxton was one of the terrified drivers who said she encountered the gunman during his rampage, during which multiple witnesses described gunfire near shopping plazas and in busy intersections. Saxton was driving with her husband and grandson in Odessa and had paused at a stoplight when they heard loud pops.

“I looked over my shoulder to the left and the gold car pulled up and the man was

there and he had a very large gun and it was pointing at me,” she told TV station KOSA.

Saxton said she was trapped because there were two cars in front of her. “I started honking my horn. I started swerving and we got a little ahead of him and then for whatever reason the cars in front of me kind of parted,” she said sobbing. She said she heard three more shots as she sped away.

Gerke did not go into detail about the chase, but the movie theater where the suspect was killed is more than 10 miles (16 kilometers) from where state troopers originally pulled over the gunman.

The shooting comes just four weeks after a gunman

in the Texas border city of El Paso killed 22 people after opening fire at a Walmart. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott this week held two meetings with lawmakers about how to prevent more mass shootings in Texas. He said he would visit the area Sunday.

The shooting Saturday brings the number of mass killings in the U.S. so far this year to 25, matching the number in all of 2018, according to The AP/USATODAY/Northeastern University mass murder database. If it turns out the shooter is not among the five dead, the number of victims for this year has already reached 140, the level of all last year.

Seven people remained in critical condition at one hospital hours after the West Texas shooting, said Russell Tippin, CEO of Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. He said a child under 2 years old was transported to another hospital. He also said one person the hospital had received had died, although it was unclear if that victim was among the five dead that Gerke reported. Tippin said 13 shooting victims were being treated at the hospital Saturday.

Dustin Fawcett said he was sitting in his truck at a Starbucks in Odessa when he heard at least six gunshots ring out less than 50 yards (46 meters) behind him.

He spotted a white sedan with a passenger window that had been shattered. That’s when he thought, “Oh man, this is a shooting.”

## Before Dorian, Florida groups help immigrants get prepared

**LAKE WORTH, Fla. (AP)**—With Hurricane Dorian menacing Florida, Natividad Jimenez sat in front of a microphone to tape a message in an Ancient Maya language that few in the world understand but that’s spoken by thousands of immigrants in the state.

In her native Mam, Jimenez urged Guatemalan immigrants to get water, cash, and gas and heed any evacuation orders in areas with mobile homes where many immigrants live in the city of Lake Worth, less than 5 miles (8 kilometers) from President Donald Trump’s winter home Mar-a-Lago.

That and other messages recorded in three indigenous languages will be sent as mass emergency text notifications, and broadcast via speakers in fire trucks around low-income communities.

“Many Guatemalans live in mobile homes. As much as you tell them to please seek shelter, they sometimes don’t get it. But maybe the fire truck will help,” Jimenez said.

With the major hurricane threatening, Floridians have frantically stocked up on gas to power generators and water to drink and cook with. Forecasts have suggested the storm would hug Florida’s east coast

and spare it a direct hit, while still menacing it with a dangerous storm surge.

However, communities near the coast were still in the cone of potential storm pathways forecast by the National Hurricane Center in Miami as of Saturday.

Charity groups were worried about vulnerable populations along the eastern coast who tend to have fewer resources than most to prepare ahead of major storms. They include Central American immigrants in Lake Worth and Jupiter, elderly people in retirement communities all the way up the coast, and homeless people in parks.

Lawmakers are going to Spanish-language radio stations asking people to go through hurricane planning with older relatives living by themselves. Teachers are telling immigrant children to explain to their parents what’s needed in their hurricane kit. Tutors who normally pay visits to teach young children have switched gears to hurricane-proof homes and explain the location of shelters and hospitals.

Nongovernmental organizations also have launched a website to text alerts in Spanish and Haitian Creole, es-

tablishing three locations to distribute emergency supplies once Dorian passes.

The nonprofit organization Guatemalan-Maya Center estimates that as many as 10,000 Guatemalans of the 20,000 who concentrate in Palm Beach County are speaking an indigenous language and have troubles understanding Spanish, a language Florida officials have mastered when disaster strikes.

The Rev. Frank O’Loughlin, co-founder of the Guatemalan-Maya Center, said news updates by local TV networks or even Spanish-language Univision and Telemundo affiliates may be falling on deaf ears.

“We keep telling the emergency services ‘You are talking out into the air but you are not talking to the actual workforce.’ And how do we compensate for that?” said O’Loughlin.

Gloria Ramirez arrived from Huehuetenango, Guatemala two months ago after crossing the U.S.-Mexico border in El Paso, Texas with her father. The pregnant 16-year-old girl lives in a crowded apartment with her father and other immigrant families. She isn’t sure they have shutters or plywood to protect the windows.

## RFK assassin Sirhan Sirhan stable after prison stabbing

**SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)**—Sirhan Sirhan, imprisoned for more than 50 years for the 1968 assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was hospitalized Friday after being stabbed by a fellow inmate at a San Diego prison.

A statement from the state Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation said the stabbing occurred Friday afternoon at the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility near San Diego.

“Officers responded quickly, and found an inmate with stab wound injuries. He was transported to an outside hospital for medical care, and is currently in stable condition,” the statement said.

The statement did not name Sirhan, but a government source with direct knowledge confirmed to The Associated Press that he was the victim. The source spoke under condition of anonymity, citing

prison privacy regulations.

The stabbing was first reported by TMZ.

Corrections officials reported that the alleged attacker has been identified and has been segregated from the rest of the prison population pending an investigation.

Sirhan, 75, was convicted of shooting Kennedy shortly after midnight on June 5, 1968, immediately after the New York senator had declared victory in the previous day’s California Democratic presidential primary.

Kennedy had just finished delivering his victory speech to cheering supporters at Los Angeles’ Ambassador Hotel when he decided to walk through the hotel kitchen. He had stopped to shake hands with a busboy who had delivered food to his room the day before when he was shot in the head. He died the next day.

Sirhan was originally sentenced to death. But when California briefly outlawed capital punishment, his sentence was reduced to life in prison. He has been denied parole several times.

Five bystanders were wounded during the shooting. In the chaos, Los Angeles Rams football great Rosey Grier, Olympic champion Rafer Johnson and others wrestled the murder weapon away.

Over the years, Sirhan has claimed to have no recollection of the shooting or his initial confession.

As a high-profile prisoner, Sirhan had once been kept in a protective housing unit at Corcoran State Prison in Northern California. After he told authorities several years ago that he would prefer being housed with the general prison population, he was moved to the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility.



# Asia

## HK police storm subway with batons as protests rage

**HONG KONG (AP)**—Protesters in Hong Kong threw gasoline bombs at government headquarters and set fires in the streets, while police stormed a subway car and hit passengers with batons and pepper spray in scenes that seem certain to inflame tensions further in a city riven by nearly three months of pro-democracy demonstrations.

Police had denied permission for a march Saturday to mark the fifth anniversary of a decision by China against fully democratic elections in Hong Kong, but protesters took to the streets anyway, as they have all summer. They provoked and obstructed police repeatedly but generally retreated once riot officers moved in, avoiding some of the direct clashes that characterized earlier protests.

Late at night, though, video from Hong Kong broadcaster TVB showed police on the platform of Prince Edward subway station swinging batons at passengers who backed into one end of a train car behind umbrellas. The video also shows pepper spray being shot through an open door at a group seated on the floor while one man holds up his hands.

It wasn't clear whether all



A protestor jumps a fence to take a subway train in Hong Kong, Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019.

the passengers were protesters. Police said they entered the station to make arrests after protesters assaulted others and damaged property inside. The TVB video was widely shared on social media

as another example of police brutality during the protests. Angry crowds gathered outside Prince Edward and nearby Mong Kok station, where police said they made arrests after protesters vandalized the

customer service center and damaged ticket machines.

Also Saturday, two police officers fired two warning shots into the air "to protect their own safety" after being surrounded by protesters near Victoria Park, the government announced. It was the second time police fired warning shots following an incident the

previous weekend.

Protests erupted in early June in Hong Kong, a semi-autonomous Chinese territory of 7.4 million people. A now-shelved China extradition bill brought to the fore simmering concerns about what many in the city see as an erosion of the rights and freedoms that residents are supposed to have

## Duterte in China amid expectation he'll raise sea disputes

**BEIJING (AP)**—Visiting Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte held talks Thursday with his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, in which the Southeast Asian leader was expected to discuss a ruling on the disputed South China Sea.

The 2016 Hague arbitration ruling mostly invalidated China's claim to virtually the entire South China Sea and found that it violated the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea.

The row over the waters—a major global shipping route thought to be rich in oil and gas reserves—has for years marred China's relationship with the Philippines and other neighboring countries with rival territorial claims. Beijing has transformed a string of disputed reefs into missile-protected island bases.

Duterte, however, has largely avoided the subject in favor of seeking warmer ties with Beijing. Philippine nationalists and left-wing groups have criticized the president for not demanding Chinese compliance with the arbitration ruling, which came the same year Duterte took office.

Philippine Ambassador to China Jose Santiago "Chito"

Santa Romana told reporters Thursday that Duterte has mentioned the ruling to Xi several times, but not in a direct discussion as he planned to do this meeting.

Duterte "has exerted a lot of diplomatic capital to build a reservoir of goodwill and friendship with President Xi," Santa Romana said. "So he has decided that it's time to include in the diplomatic agenda and in the discussions sensitive issues that may have caused misunderstanding if it were brought up in the past."

Santa Romana added that Duterte is in Beijing "to build bridges, not to burn bridges with China."

It's unlikely that Duterte's move will have any effect on China, said Jay Batongbacal, a maritime affairs scholar at the University of the Philippines.

"China's position will not change just because Duterte changes tune," Batongbacal said. "At best, Duterte might be seen as using the arbitration discussion as a move to leverage other concessions. At worst, it may be just for show."

At the start of Thursday's meeting, Xi said he was willing to work with Duterte to "grasp the current situation"

from a long-term, strategic perspective.

"This will not only benefit our two countries and our peoples, but also will provide positive energy to the region," Xi said.

Neither leader mentioned the South China Sea in their introductory remarks in the presence of reporters.

China refused to participate in the arbitration case initiated by Duterte's predecessor, Benigno Aquino III, and has ignored the ruling. A Chinese foreign ministry spokesman said last week that the country's stance has not changed.

Philippine Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana asked Beijing this month to explain the activities of Chinese research vessels and warships in what the Philippines claims as its waters, and accused China of "bullying."

Lorenzana said China did not ask for permission to send several warships through the Sibu Strait at the southern tip of the Philippine archipelago on four occasions between February and July. He said two Chinese research ships have also been operating in the Philippines' exclusive economic zone.

## North Korea berates Pompeo, says hopes for talks fading

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)**—A senior North Korean diplomat on Saturday berated U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo over his comments describing North Korean behavior as "rogue" and warned that Pyongyang's hopes for talks with Washington are fading.

In a statement carried by state media, North Korean First Vice Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui said Pompeo's "thoughtless" comments increased North Korean people's animosity toward Americans and made it harder for working-level nuclear dialogue between the countries to resume.

North Korea is extremely sensitive to outside criticism about its authoritarian leadership. It has also repeatedly expressed displeasure about a months-long stalemate in negotiations and ramped up testing of short-range ballistic missiles and rocket artillery in recent weeks in an apparent effort to build bargaining leverage.

"Our expectations of dialogue with the U.S. are gradually disappearing and we are being pushed to re-examine all

the measures we have taken so far," Choe said in the statement, carried by the North's official Korean Central News Agency, or KCNA.

"We are very curious about the background of the American top diplomat's thoughtless remarks and we will watch what calculations he has," she said. "The U.S. had better not put any longer our patience to the test with such remarks irritating us if it doesn't want to have bitter regrets afterward."

In a speech to U.S. veterans in Indiana on Tuesday, Pompeo said the Trump administration recognized that "North Korea's rogue behavior could not be ignored" while touting its approach in foreign policy.

"Americanism - it means telling the truth about the challenges we face," he said. "Look, this administration didn't pretend that the Islamic Republic of Iran was a responsible actor in the Middle East. We called out China's bad behavior on trade and on national security. We recognized - we recognized that North Korea's rogue behavior could not be ignored."

Nuclear negotiations have

under a "one country, two systems" framework.

The mostly young, black-shirted protesters took over roads and major intersections in shopping districts on Saturday as they rallied and marched with no obvious destination in mind.

Authorities closed streets and a subway stop near the Chinese government office and parked water cannon trucks and erected additional barriers nearby, fearing protesters might target the building. The office would have been the endpoint of the march that police did not allow.

Instead, a group of hard-line protesters decided to take on police guarding government headquarters from behind large barriers that ring the building to keep demonstrators at bay.

While others marched back and forth nearby, a large crowd wearing helmets and gas masks gathered outside. They pointed laser beams at the officers' heads and threw objects over the barriers and at them. Police responded with tear gas, and protesters threw gasoline bombs into the compound.

Then came the blue water. A water cannon truck fired regular water, followed by repeated bursts of colored water, staining protesters and nearby journalists and leaving blue puddles in the street.

been at a standstill since a February summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Vietnam collapsed after the U.S. side rejected North Korean demands for broad sanctions relief in exchange for a partial surrender of its nuclear capabilities.

Since the breakdown in Hanoi, North Korea has repeatedly demanded that Washington remove Pompeo from the nuclear negotiations, accusing him of maintaining a hard-line stance on sanctions and distorting Pyongyang's statements, while avoiding direct criticism of Trump.

Trump and Kim met again at the inter-Korean border in June and agreed to resume working-level talks, but there has been no known meeting between the countries since then.

Last week, North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho called Pompeo a "die-hard toxin of U.S. diplomacy" after he said Washington would maintain strong sanctions on North Korea until the country is denuclearized.



# World

## Brazil says it is successfully controlling fires in Amazon

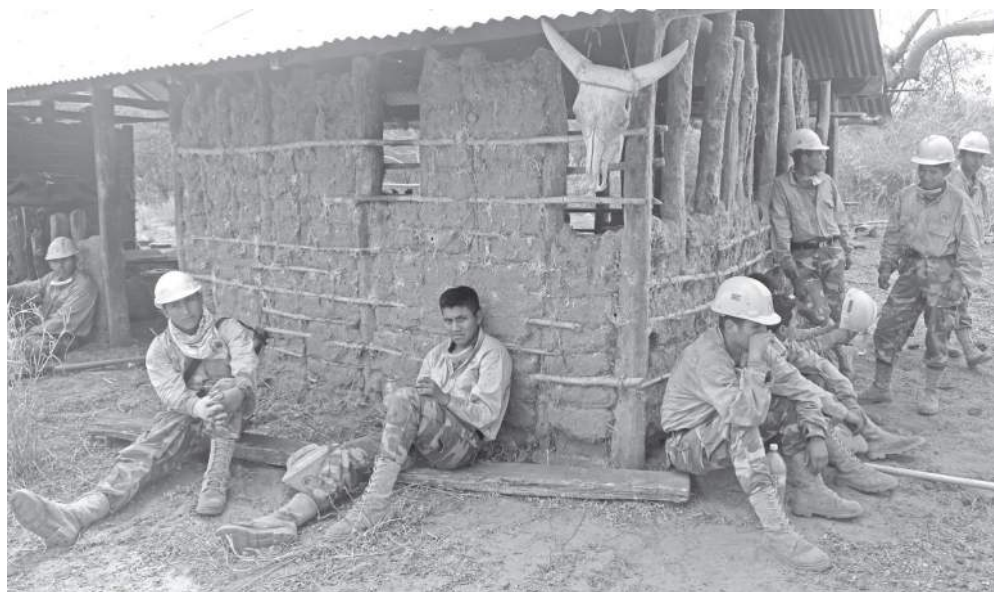
WASHINGTON (AP)—Brazil's foreign minister said his country is successfully extinguishing the fires in the Amazon region that have generated international concern after discussing the situation with President Donald Trump on Friday at the White House.

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro said earlier in the day that his son and Foreign Minister Ernesto Araujo were heading to Washington to discuss possible U.S. aid in fighting the fires. The far-right president said he asked Trump for help and the U.S. president had said that "he couldn't make a decision without hearing from Brazil."

Araujo told reporters after meeting with Trump that the fires "are not an excuse to promote ideas of international management of the Amazon," though he said the South American country is open to cooperation with other countries.

"The fires that exist today are already being fought and we are being successful in extinguishing most of the fires," he said, adding that the meeting with Trump did not bring up specific U.S. aid.

Bolsonaro is considering appointing his son, congress-



Soldiers take a break from fighting fires in the Chiquitania Forest, on the outskirts of Robore, Bolivia, Friday, Aug. 30, 2019.

man Eduardo Bolsonaro, to be ambassador to the U.S., though the posting would need to be approved by the upper house of the Brazilian congress.

Araujo said the Trump administration had already expressed its approval to a possible ambassadorship of congressman Bolsonaro. "Now we have to wait for the Senate to approve hopefully the invitation," he said.

Araujo said the fact that Trump hosted both him and the congressman at the White

House even though they are not heads of state "shows how far we are in building a very special relationship with the United States."

The compliments about the relationship with the Trump administration contrast with criticism of Brazil's government from French President Emmanuel Macron and some other European leaders.

A \$20 million offer of aid from the Group of Seven nations to help fight fires and

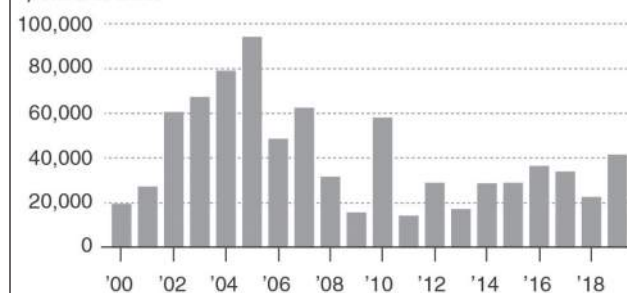
protect rainforest stalled after Bolsonaro said Macron would have to apologize for remarks he had made. Macron had questioned Bolsonaro's trustworthiness and commitment to environmental safeguards in a sharply personal dispute between the two leaders.

"All of Europe, together, doesn't have any lessons to pass to us when it comes to preservation of the environment," the Brazilian president said.

Bolsonaro later tweeted that

### Amazon fires (Jan. through Aug.)

As bad as they are, this year's fires are not off the charts. Between January and August, scientists have counted more than 40,000 blazes in the Amazon region; in 2010, during a severe drought, they spotted 60,000 blazes over the same period of time.



Source: The National Institute for Space Research  
Graphic: Staff, Los Angeles Times, TNS

he had a "productive" phone call with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, saying she reaffirmed Brazil's sovereignty in its Amazon region.

Journalists had asked Bolsonaro about the possible resumption of donations to a Brazilian government fund for the Amazon. Norwegian donations, amounting to tens of millions of dollars, were suspended this month because of concerns about Brazil's commitment to the environment. Germany has also suspended a separate line of funding for Amazon projects.

"We want to know where this money will go," Bolso-

naro said. "Usually it goes in part to NGOs, which gives no return. In part it goes to good things ... but it's a lot of money for little preservation."

Bolsonaro also said that past allocations of land to indigenous people, many of whom live in the Amazon rainforest, had been excessive. About 14% of Brazil is indigenous territory, a huge area for a relatively small population, the president said.

Some indigenous leaders say their communities are under pressure from farming and ranching expansion and complain that authorities are doing little to enforce environmental law.

## Colombian rebels' rearming ups pressure for Maduro

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)—A call to arms by former rebel negotiators in Colombia is a blow to the country's fragile peace, but it also provides a tempting target for hawks looking to bring down the person the U.S. accuses of sheltering terrorist groups: Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro.

On Thursday, the former chief negotiator for the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia announced he would resume fighting, alleging the government has failed to uphold the 2016 peace accord and accusing it of standing by as hundreds of social leaders have been slain in rural areas where the rebels long dominated.

Luciano Marín read a long manifesto in a video surrounded by a cadre of 20 heavily armed rebels from what he said was a clandestine camp in Colombia's eastern jungles but which authorities contend was inside Venezuela—long a safe haven for the guerrillas.

Almost immediately, President Iván Duque reached out to Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó, whose nine-month campaign to unseat Maduro has stalled amid

the refusal of Venezuela's military to abandon the embattled leader. For both men, the video was further proof that the rebels, which are designated a terrorist group by the U.S., are plotting attacks from Venezuelan soil.

"We're not witnessing the birth of a new guerrilla army, but rather the criminal threats of a band of narco-terrorists who have the protection and support of Nicolás Maduro's dictatorship," Duque said in a televised address.

Added Guaidó: "All Venezuelans should reject these types of threats that undermine our sovereignty."

Venezuela's Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza angrily rejected the accusations on Friday, turning instead on Duque, whose intransigence he blamed for leading the rebels to abandon the peace process.

"His attitude not only puts at risk the normalization of life in Colombia but also threatens the peace and security of South America," Arreaza said.

Nonetheless Duque's concerns were echoed in Washington, where U.S. officials reiterated accusations that Maduro's government has been actively conspiring with

Colombian rebels, especially the more radical National Liberation Army, or ELN, which is believed to fund its insurgency by smuggling cocaine and gold through Venezuela.

"The regime in Caracas seems to be fomenting this kind of activity, in essence turning over parts of the country, particularly to the ELN," Elliott Abrams, the Trump administration's special envoy to Venezuela, told reporters.

Colombian authorities, so far with little evidence, have long asserted that Marín has been hiding out in Venezuela along with other top rebel commanders from the ELN and a group of dissident FARC rebels that never handed over their weapons.

In recent months, at least three meetings are believed to have taken place among the rebel commanders converging by small planes on the small Venezuelan town of El Nula, a lawless area heavily patrolled by Venezuela's military 30 kilometers (about 20 miles) from the border, said a Colombian military intelligence official, who insisted on speaking anonymously because he wasn't authorized to reveal the intelligence assessment.

## Mexico's new drug war may be worse than old one

COATZACOALCOS, Mexico (AP)—Mexico's drug war appears to be back—and it may be worse this time around than in the bloody years of the government's 2006-2012 offensive against drug cartels.

Back then, the worst of the violence was confined to a few cities. Now it is spread out throughout the country. Once it was not uncommon for gangs to kill adults but leave children unharmed. Now, the killing of children alongside their parents has become all too frequent.

Perhaps the most disconcerting change: Bloody cartel violence outraged Mexicans and captured international attention for the drug war, which saw 27,000 homicides during its peak in 2011. Today, even though the number of Mexico's homicides soared to near 35,000 last year, the bloodshed seems to draw less attention and indignation.

It has all left many Mexicans wondering which way to turn.

That was evident this week in Coatzacoalcos, an oil industry city in the Gulf coast state of Veracruz where residents say gangs have been fighting over turf and extorting business owners with threats of violence. Late Tuesday, suspected members of the

Jalisco cartel showed up at the Caballo Blanco nightclub, blocked its exits and set a fire that killed 28 people trapped inside, possibly because the owner had refused to stop selling drugs from another gang.

Vanessa Galindo Blas lost her common-law husband, Erick Hernández Enriquez, to the blaze. Both were natives of Coatzacoalcos, but had been discussing moving away.

"We had talked about leaving here for somewhere safer, so our kids could have a better future," Galindo Blas said Thursday as she stretched her hands out over Erick's bare metal coffin. On it rested a photo of him wearing an "I Love Coatzacoalcos" T-shirt.

But they could never agree on a place to move, in part because violence is now a problem across much of Mexico, so no place is really safe.

From 2006 to 2012, much of the drug war killing occurred in a string of northern Mexico cities—Ciudad Juárez, Tijuana, Culiacan, Reynosa and Nuevo Laredo. "Now it is more dispersed, and that also makes it harder to control," said Alejandro Hope, a security analyst in Mexico.

But counting down all the similarities—deadly arson

attacks, bodies left piled in heaps or hung from overpasses, massacres at parties, beheading videos posted on social media—the parallels between now and then are all too clear. "It's like deja vu all over again," said Hope.

Another disturbing trend is that young children are being gunned down by killers targeting adults. The Sinaloa and Juárez cartels once prided themselves on their targeted killings, which riddled intended targets with bullets while leaving family members untouched.

Now, children are being killed with chilling frequency. In June, a young boy was killed along with his father in Sonora state. In July, a 10-year-old was killed during a robbery in Puebla state. In August, gunmen burst into a home in Ciudad Juárez and fired 123 bullets that killed three girls, aged 14, 13 and 4, along with an adult male who apparently was the real target.

Two years ago, Coatzacoalcos made headlines across Mexico when a man, his wife and three young children were gunned down by a drug cartel. In contrast, the shooting of the three Ciudad Juárez girls drew less attention.



# Health & Wellness

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A cheap daily pill that combines four drugs cut the risk of heart attacks, strokes and heart failure in a large study, suggesting it could be a good way to help prevent heart problems especially in poor countries.

The pills contained two blood pressure drugs, a cholesterol medicine and aspirin. Many people can't afford or don't stick with taking so many medicines separately, so doctors think a polypill might help. A previous study testing one in India found it lowered cholesterol and blood pressure. The new study is much larger and gives stronger evidence because it tracked heart attacks, strokes and other problems—not just risk factors.

It involved about 6,800 people in Iran, ages 50-75, some with previous heart problems and others without them. All got advice on healthy lifestyles and half also were given polypills. After five years, 6% of those in the pill group had suffered a heart at-



In this Nov. 5, 2018 file photo, a drugstore employee reaches for medicine from shelf in downtown Tehran, Iran. According to a study published in the British journal Lancet on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019, researchers say a cheap daily pill that combines four drugs cut the risk of heart attacks, strokes and heart failure in a large study, suggesting it could be a good way to prevent heart problems.

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## Cheap combo pill cuts heart, stroke risks, study finds

tack, stroke or heart failure versus 9% of the others. That worked out to a 34% lower risk with the polypill, and a 22% lower risk after researchers took into account other heart drugs that participants were taking.

People who took the polypill most faithfully, at least 70% of the time, had even bigger reductions in heart risks.

The benefit mostly seemed to come from lowering cholesterol; blood pressure didn't significantly change. Side effects were similar in both groups. Some who developed

a cough while on the polypill were switched to another version that substituted one of the four drugs. All of the drugs are cheap generic medicines now.

Results were published Thursday in the British journal Lancet. The study was paid for by Tehran University of Medical Sciences, a foundation and Alborz Darou, the company that makes the polypills.

"This is an important step in the right direction," said Dr. Salim Yusuf of McMaster University in Canada,

who leads another polypill study expected to finish next summer. "This could be used in every sensible country where we want to save lives."

One study leader, Dr. Tom Marshall of Britain's University of Birmingham, said the results show the polypill is a "viable strategy" to prevent heart disease in developing countries.

"It's much simpler to give people one medication that manages a couple of risk factors at the same time," he said.

Marshall said, however, that the

benefits would be minimal for people who already have access to good health care.

"But if you're in a system where people don't have great access, then this is a significant advantage," he said.

Dr. Amit Khera, director of preventive cardiology at Southwestern Medical School in Texas who had no role in the study, said he expected that polypills would start to be used more widely in the next few years if they're shown to work in other groups besides the people of

central Asian ancestry tested in the Lancet study.

"The biology is different in different populations, so before we apply it to all of India or all of North Africa, we need to know these polypills are actually safe in these populations," he said.

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### HOME REMEDIES

## How to treat, and prevent, swimmer's itch

Swimmer's itch is an itchy rash that can occur after swimming or wading outdoors. Also known as cercarial dermatitis, swimmer's itch is most common in freshwater lakes and ponds, but it occasionally occurs in salt water.

The rash is usually caused by an allergic reaction to parasites that burrow into your skin while you're swimming or wading in warm water. The parasites that cause swimmer's itch normally live in animals such as waterfowl.

These parasites can be released

into the water, but luckily humans aren't suitable hosts, so the parasites soon die while still in the skin.

Swimmer's itch is uncomfortable, but it usually clears up on its own in a few days. In the meantime, you can control itching with over-the-counter or prescription medications.

### LIFESTYLE AND HOME REMEDIES

These tips may reduce the itch:

- Don't scratch.
- Cover affected areas with a clean, wet washcloth.

- Soak in a bath sprinkled with Epsom salts, baking soda or oatmeal.

- Make a paste of baking soda and water, then apply it to affected areas.

- Apply a medicated cream to soothe the itch and inflammation.

### PREVENTION

The parasites that cause swimmer's itch live in the blood of animals such as waterfowl that live near ponds and lakes. To reduce the risk of swimmer's itch:

- Choose swimming spots care-

fully. Avoid swimming in areas where swimmer's itch is a known problem or signs warn of possible contamination. Also avoid swimming or wading in marshy areas where snails are commonly found.

■ Avoid the shoreline, if possible. If you're a strong swimmer, head to deeper water for your swim. You may be more likely to develop swimmer's itch if you spend a lot of time in warmer water near the shore.

■ Rinse after swimming. Rinse exposed skin with clean water immediately after leaving the water.

Then vigorously dry your skin with a towel. Launder your swimsuits often.

■ Skip the breadcrumbs. Don't feed birds on docks or near swimming areas.

■ Apply waterproof sunscreen. This has been reported to protect the skin from the parasite that causes swimmer's itch. (*Mayo Clinic News Network/TNS*)

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# Life & Style

## Dior stokes outrage with new ad for its Sauvage fragrance

**FLAGSTAFF, Ariz.** (AP)—Dior has produced a fragrance called Sauvage since the mid-1960s and used Johnny Depp in recent years to promote it. But a new advertising campaign that paired them with Native American imagery deepened wounds among a population whose ancestors were called savages and systematically killed.

The French luxury goods company posted a trailer Friday with a Lakota dancer in colorful clothing that it said embodied modern Native American culture and promised more details on the fragrance Monday. The videos were removed from Dior's Instagram and Twitter accounts hours later, although they still appeared on some unrelated accounts devoted to Depp.

The trailer and videos continued to generate heavy criticism. Sauvage in French has a variety of meanings, including wild, unspoiled and savage.

"That takes it to a whole other level of ignorance and racism," said Dallas Goldtooth of the Lower Sioux Indian Community in Minnesota.

## Valerie Harper dies at 80

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Valerie Harper, who scored guffaws, stole hearts and busted TV taboos as the brash, self-deprecating Rhoda Morgenstern on back-to-back hit sitcoms in the 1970s, has died.

Longtime family friend Dan Watt confirmed Harper died Friday, adding the family wasn't immediately releasing any further details. She had been battling cancer for years, and her husband said recently he had been advised to put her in hospice care.

Harper was a breakout star on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," then the lead of her own series, "Rhoda." She was 80.

She won three consecutive Emmys (1971-73) as supporting actress on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and another for outstanding lead actress for "Rhoda," which ran from 1974-78. Beyond awards, she was immortalized—and typecast—for playing one of television's most beloved characters, a best friend the equal of Ethel Mertz and Ed Norton in TV's sidekick pantheon.

Fans had long feared the news of her passing. In 2013, she first revealed that she had been diagnosed with brain cancer and had been told by her doctors she had as little as three months to live. Some re-

sponded as if a family member were in peril.

But she refused to despair. "I'm not dying until I do," Harper said in an interview on NBC's "Today" show. "I promise I won't." Harper died outlive her famous co-star: Mary Tyler Moore died in January 2017. Ed Asner, Cloris Leachman, Betty White and Gavin MacLeod are among the former cast members who survive her.

MacLeod recalled her as a "talented, gifted actress" in an email to The Associated Press.

"It is indeed a sad day. My life has been so enriched by having the experience of working with Valerie and calling her a friend. ... The thing I remember so much about Val is that she loved her family, she loved the actors that she worked with and she loved the underdog. She was always helping someone," he wrote.

In recent years, Harper's other appearances included "American Dad!" "The Simpsons" and "Two Broke Girls."

Harper was a chorus dancer on Broadway as a teen before moving into comedy and improv when, in 1970, she auditioned for the part of a Bronx-born Jewish girl who would be a neighbor and pal of Minneapolis news producer Mary Richards on a new sitcom for CBS.



Harper

"We Are the Land" starring Depp. Marketing materials describe it as an "ode to Mother Earth" and say the inclusion of the dancer is meant to be a "powerful tribute to this culture, portrayed with immense respect."

Neither Dior, a representative for Depp nor the dancer—Canku OneStar,

an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in South Dakota—responded to messages seeking comment.

Dior had posted trailers and other images from its new Sauvage campaign earlier in the week, but they did not generate similar reactions.



Depp

Crystal Echohawk, execu-

tive director of IllumiNative, said Dior did the right thing by working with a Native American consulting group but was ignorant in tying the fragrance to Native imagery.

"It shows that a well-intentioned collaboration can inadvertently be exploitative and racist, and I think that's what happened here," said Echohawk, who is Pawnee. "I think it's an important lesson learned. They need to pull the

entire national campaign."

Robert Passikoff, president of the New York-based customer research firm Brand Keys Inc. said hiring a minority firm isn't enough, and there's no excuse for companies appropriating cultural aspects and leveraging them for profit.

"One just needs to be very, very careful these days about what is politically correct, culturally correct ... and at least racially balanced," he said.

*In Celebration of his new life*

# † Glenn Stuart Pangelinan Calvo

*Born on April 19, 1973*  
*Passed away on August 18, 2019 in Idaho*

**He now joins his loving family:**

**Father:** †Gregorio Songao Calvo  
**Paternal Grandparents:** †Roberto Taitano Calvo and †Calistra Songao Calvo

**Paternal Reared Grandparents:** †Felix L and Laura D. Calvo  
**Maternal Grandparents:** †Joaquin Sablan and †Magdalena Terlaje Pangelinan

**His peaceful spirit and loving memory will live forever in the hearts of his loving:**

**Children:** Glenn Stuart Calvo, Jr. & Catherine Aldan Reyes  
 Aprileen Joanna Mendiola & Ryan Baker  
 Evelyn Julia Terlaje Pangelinan Calvo  
**Siblings:** Gregory Stephen P. & Carmen S. Calvo (Chad Derek, Brittany/Dane (Kaiya), Sierra, Clayton, Gregory, Jr.)  
 Eva-Sophia P. Calvo & John DL Guerrero (Deion Xavier, Danika Shaye)

**Our beloved Glenn Stuart is survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.**

On Tuesday, September 3, 2019 his remains will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home at 8 am to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral for final viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11 am. Interment will follow at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

*Si Yuus Ma'ase*  
**Evelyn P. Calvo, Children, Grandchildren and Families**



# Documentary looks at political comeback of Imelda Marcos

VENICE, Italy (AP)—Documentary filmmaker Lauren Greenfield started interviewing former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos four years ago thinking that it might be a redemption story for the then

85-year-old. What she found is that Marcos was not only standing by the controversial history of her family but defending it as well.

Greenfield's documentary about Marcos, "The King-

maker," premiered Friday at the Venice International Film Festival.

Imelda Marcos's husband, the late Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos presided over the country for 20 years

and declared martial law in 1972, which ultimately resulted in his being ousted by an army-backed "people power" revolt in 1986. He died in self-exile in Hawaii in 1989 but Imelda Marcos and her

children returned to the Philippines where many have been elected to political office.

"I started it attracted to Imelda Marcos because she was an iconic reference in the work I was doing on wealth," Greenfield said Friday in a press conference. She'd heard about extravaganzas—her 3,000 pairs of shoes and the island she turned into a wildlife sanctuary for exotic animals—but came to understand that there was another story brewing beyond the decadence.

"I was taken in with her story and her history," Greenfield said. "(But I) soon realized that the political comeback story was what I wanted to focus on."

The film chronicles Marcos' efforts to help her son Bongbong win the vice-presidency. It helped inform the title, "The Kingmaker," which she landed on a year into editing.

"It would be like (Richard) Nixon coming back and running for re-election," Green-

field said. "I was amazed that this family ... was welcomed back and into public office."

For Greenfield, known for documentaries like "The Queen of Versailles" and "Generation Wealth," it was a unique experience working with an "unreliable narrator" and she struggled with how to tell the audience that some of what Marcos was saying was incorrect. She also said he found Marcos, now 90, to be generous and kind and candid. She said Marcos has not yet seen the documentary.

"I think she is extremely confident about her story, her place in history and her legacy and that's what I wanted to hear from her," Greenfield said. "People have treated Marcos as a laughable figure. (It) reminds me of how we didn't take (Donald) Trump seriously, and I think she often has the last laugh."

"The Kingmaker" will be in theaters this fall and on Showtime in 2020.



This image released by Showtime shows Imelda Marcos from the documentary "The Kingmaker," which premiered Friday at the Venice International Film Festival. AP

## Antoni Porowski talks Boursin, avocados, life on 'Queer Eye'

By LEANNE ITALIE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP)—As a kid, "Queer Eye" foodie Antoni Porowski had a love-hate relationship with Polish fare.

It was standard in his Polish Canadian family, but he was a picky eater. He didn't like caraway seeds. He truly didn't like beets.

And once he and his dad decamped from Montreal to Glade Springs, West Virginia, the 12-year-old boy with the funny name tired of showing up at school with cabbage rolls and kielbasa when everyone else munched on crustless sandwiches and Oscar Mayer Lunchables, which is all he wanted, too.

"I kind of weirdly grew

ashamed of my heritage and my name and my cultural identity," the 35-year-old Porowski told The Associated Press.

It wasn't until he moved back to Montreal at 17 that he reconnected with the food of the motherland through a magical little Polish restaurant called Stash Cafe, run at the time by his Auntie Ewa.

"My father worked at this restaurant as a waiter. So did my sisters, all of my cousins. I started working there, just hanging out with the grandmas in the kitchen making the pierogis, and I kind of fell in love with the cuisine of where

I'm from."

In honor of his heritage, Porowski includes updates on some of the recipes his parents brought with them from Poland in his first book, "Antoni in the Kitchen," which he wrote with Mindy Fox. In addition to Polish twists, the book includes some of his French Canadian favorites, and dishes that please friends or that he

has run across at restaurants around the world.

From Poland, there's the hot dog's brawny Eastern European cousin, kielbasa, a no-brainer for outdoor entertaining paired with a good pale lager-style beer, Porowski

writes. There's bigos revisited, a winter hunters stew he makes with wild mushrooms and endless pork that includes kabanos, a smoked and air-dried Polish sausage.

"Bigos is beloved by Poles. Everyone has their own version of it, but a lot of Polish people put beer in it and I thought that that was very hoppy, so instead I put in red wine and treated it like beef bourguignon."

Porowski didn't start his adult life as a foodie. He was about five years out of acting school, having studied psychology at university, when he auditioned for "Queer Eye," an Emmy-winning Netflix reboot of the Emmy-winning Bravo show "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy."



Porowski

## 'Dog' Chapman wants viewers to see late wife's bravery

NEW YORK (AP)—Duane "Dog" Chapman has had a difficult past year. But following in his wife's example, he presses on.

His wife, Beth Chapman, passed away in June in Hawaii after fighting lung cancer. Their new television series, "Dog's Most Wanted," airs on Sept. 4 on WGN America.

It will not only follow their bounty hunter chronicles as they search for convicts, but also Beth's journey as she starts chemotherapy and

fighting cancer.

On Beth's decision to keep working, Chapman says, "it helped her."

"She forgot one night. She told me, 'Honey, I forgot I had cancer today,'" said Chapman. "So, it was working where she wasn't reminded or laying around on the bed or watching television and reminded every few minutes that she had a terminal disease—so, out hunting and being with the family, she forgot about it."

The Chapman's bounty hunt-

ing operation also includes their children. The family is all coping in the wake of Beth's death.

"I won't say it's drawn the family closer, OK? Or I won't say that it's tore the family up, which some deaths do, right?" said Chapman. "It has made us realize how lucky we were to have a mom and how, the only way we can keep her alive is our mouth and our memories and talking about her all the time."

With the series premiere on the horizon, Chapman hopes to draw a wide audience, but

it's not about the money. "I already got paid for the shows before they aired," he joked. He hopes viewers watch his love story with his wife.

"I want them to watch because of me and Beth and my children and my good friends," he said. "And I want them to see hope and love, and cry."

And what does Dog want viewers to remember about Beth?

"I want people to see how brave she was, how perfect she was."

## Meet Todrick Hall, a Taylor Swift pal who preaches inclusion

NEW YORK (AP)—Todrick Hall has been preaching about inclusion, self-acceptance and gay pride for much of his career. So it made sense that he would preach about those messages as he accepted an MTV Video Music Award on behalf of Taylor Swift for her anti-hate anthem "You Need to Calm Down."

The clip, which he co-produced, stars himself and close friend Swift, and a host of other LGBTQ entertainers like Billy Porter, RuPaul and Jesse Tyler Ferguson in an a colorful, effervescent but forceful takedown of the haters of the world, including those who spread homophobia.

When the video made its debut, some questioned whether Swift was jumping on the gay-pride bandwagon, but Hall said the superstar is simply evolving, and using her voice.

"I've been friends with Taylor for the past four or five years and I have seen people drag her because they say that she's not opinionated enough, that she's not using her platform to speak out for women's rights, for the gay community, to tell people to vote a certain way—they don't feel like she's used her voice," he said in a recent interview.

"And then the second she does, people drag her because they feel it's opportunistic. And I'm just so glad that she right now is in a place where

she knows that what she's doing is right."

It's also a place where Hall feels he's at these days. The entertainer—known for his stint on Broadway in "Kinky Boots" and his dazzling YouTube minimusicals that take inspiration from the likes of "The Wizard of Oz" and "Singin' in Rain"—released his "Haus Party, Pt. 1" album earlier this summer; "I Like Boys" is a coming-out dance anthem, while "Nails, Hair, Hips, Heels" shows

him rocking stilettos with a form that would make Beyoncé proud. Ciara is featured on the recently released remix.

For Hall, the album has been another form of self-

pride and a way to give others who aren't as bold a reason to try and do so.

"This is the music that people want; they want music that makes them feel fabulous. They want music that makes them want to dance in heels and want music that makes them feel free and unapologetic about who being who they are," he said.

After a brief Broadway stint in "Waitress," he'll take the album on the road in a production he promises will be more liberating than his previous tours, where he admits to feeling a bit handcuffed because he was playing characters based on his YouTube videos.



Hall



# Ellie Goulding weds art dealer boyfriend in lavish ceremony

**YORK, England (AP)**—British singer-songwriter Ellie Goulding has married art dealer Caspar Jopling in a lavish ceremony with pals Katy Perry, Orlando Bloom and Sienna Miller in attendance.

The two tied the knot Saturday in Yorkshire, England, at the gothic York Minster Cathedral.

The 32-year-old Goulding was wearing a white custom Chloe gown. She pulled up in a

flower-adorned blue Volkswagen minivan to cheers with her long veil over her face. Her attendants struggled with wind as they wrangled the high-neck, long-sleeve dress.

Goulding and the 27-year-

old Jopling, who has family ties to the area, were engaged last year.

Well-wishers lined the street leading to the cathedral as guests arrived. Among other celebrities

on hand: Sarah Ferguson and her two daughters, princesses Eugenie and Beatrice.



Newly married Ellie Goulding and Caspar Jopling leave York Minster after their wedding, in York, England, Saturday Aug. 31, 2019. AP

## SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### Prosecutors: R. Kelly isn't in solitary confinement

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Federal prosecutors say R. Kelly has had a cellmate for some time, refuting a claim by the singer's attorneys in which they are seeking Kelly's release from what they described as "cruel and unusual punishment" in solitary confinement. In a Friday court filing, prosecutors say Kelly has had a cellmate for some time at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Chicago where he's being held on sexual misconduct and other charges. They also say Kelly "has had more

than one cellmate so far" and even refused an order last month to take a cellmate. The Chicago Sun-Times reports that prosecutors contend that the 52-year-old Kelly is seeking special treatment because he's a celebrity. A judge is scheduled to consider Kelly's attorneys' motion next week.

### Dutch city of Rotterdam to host 2020 Eurovision Song Contest

**THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)** — The Dutch port city of Rotterdam has been selected to host next year's Eurovision Song Contest. The Eu-

ropean Broadcasting Union announced Friday that Rotterdam edged the southern city of Maastricht in the race to host the annual music competition. The Netherlands won the right to host the 65th edition of the festival when Dutch singer Duncan Laurence won this year's event in Tel Aviv with his doleful piano ballad "Arcade." Laurence was the first Dutch act to win the European musical extravaganza since Teach-In's 1975 triumph with "Ding-a-dong." Rotterdam's Ahoy arena will host the semi-finals of next year's event on May 12 and 14 and the grand final on May 16.



A wooden statue resembling Donald Trump is built near Kamnik, Slovenia, Friday, Aug. 30, 2019. AP

## Donald Trump gets statue in wife's homeland of Slovenia

**SELA PRI KAMNIKU, Slovenia (AP)**—There's no mistaking it depicts Donald Trump: a large wooden statue of the U.S. president has been erected in Slovenia, the homeland of his wife Melania.

The nearly eight-meter high (26 feet) construction shows Trump with his trademark hair style, blue suit, white shirt and a long red tie. His right arm—fist clenched—is raised high like that of New York's Statue of Liberty.

When triggered, a mechanism opens a red-painted mouth and shark-like teeth appear.

"Like all populists, the statue has two faces," its creator, Tomaz Schlegl, said. "One is humane and nice, the other is that of a vampire."

The monument was built

on private property among the lush greens and rolling hills of the sleepy village of Sela pri Kamniku, some 30 kilometers (20 miles) northeast of the Slovenian capital, Ljubljana.

The statue has a temporary permit and has to be removed by Halloween, Oct. 31. Some local villagers, unhappy with its appearance, suggest torching it that day.

"I thought it will be a sculpture, one statue," said Stane Supar, who owns land where it stands. "But now this huge thing has grown, and everyone tells me it's a provocation."

Schlegel, an architect, defended his project, saying it is "provocation against populism that the world is full of."

"It is the Statue of Liberty, which no one today knows

what it represents," he said. "The pose is that of Superman. He can do and say whatever he wants without consequences."

Two American tourists came Friday to this remote corner of Slovenia after hearing about the statue.

"It seems like a really unusual location for a piece of art like this," said Eddie Flower from Santa Rosa, CA.

"I'm not very fond of Donald Trump and I didn't know what to make of his hand up and doing the salute and the spikes coming out of the top of his head," Flower said. "But maybe it's a metaphor of the Statue of Liberty which would make some sense since he seems to be doing everything in his power to negate the beauty and the spirit of the Statue of Liberty."

## Community harmony clouded by new neighbor's smoking

**DEAR ABBY:** I live in a townhouse in a small development -- just four townhomes with a very relaxed HOA. Since it's just the four of us, we discuss things like needed repairs and come to an agreement.

Our problem is our newest neighbor. She smokes outside at all hours. It prevents the rest of us from enjoying our own outside spaces, nor can we open our windows for fresh air.

As far as I know, she smokes only outside and not inside. What can we say or do so we can enjoy our decks and patio spaces or leave our windows open without being smoked out?

SMOKED OUT IN MINNESOTA

**DEAR SMOKED OUT:** Because your homeowners association is so tiny that you have no manager to handle this, it is important you approach this sensitive problem with a positive attitude. This woman is the newest member of your four-unit "family," and this will be a long-term relationship—for better or for worse. Remember it must be built on trust and mutual respect.

Come together in a neighborly way to discuss other matters that need to be dealt with and THEN raise this subject in a non-contentious way. The solution might be something as simple as her agreeing to walk farther from the building when she smokes. Determine what would be acceptable and work from there.

**DEAR ABBY:** Our grandniece was supposed to be married

in April 2018, but a week before the wedding she caught her fiancé cheating, and the wedding was called off. We live 1,000 miles away, so several weeks before the wedding, we went online to their gift registry and had a gift valued at more than \$250 shipped directly to them. The mother of the bride confirmed when the gift was received.

After the wedding date passed, we thought we would receive reimbursement or be asked if we wanted the gift returned. It has been a little over a year now and not one word has been mentioned about returning any gifts. Other family members are in the same situation as we are.

Isn't it proper to return gifts if the wedding is called off? If it was an inexpensive, small gift we wouldn't feel so bad. Are we wrong to be hurt and a bit shocked?

FEELING SNUBBED

**DEAR SNUBBED:** No, you are not wrong. I assume you never received a thank-you for your generosity either.

Wedding gifts are not to be considered consolation prizes. The rule of etiquette is, if there has been no wedding and the wedding gift has not been used, it should be returned to the sender.

**DEAR ABBY:** A family friend is getting sober from drugs. We used to talk all the time about everything. I keep inviting

## DEAR ABBY

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them over to do something or hang out. They accept at first and then back out. This has been going on for months, and I'm getting tired of it. I'm trying to figure out if I should keep trying or just stop. Is it the recovery process or me?

SOMEBODY WHO CARES IN UTAH

**DEAR SOMEBODY:** Not knowing you or your friend, it's hard to say. The next time you invite the person over and they back out, put the ball in THEIR court by saying, "When you are up for company, give me a call. I miss you."

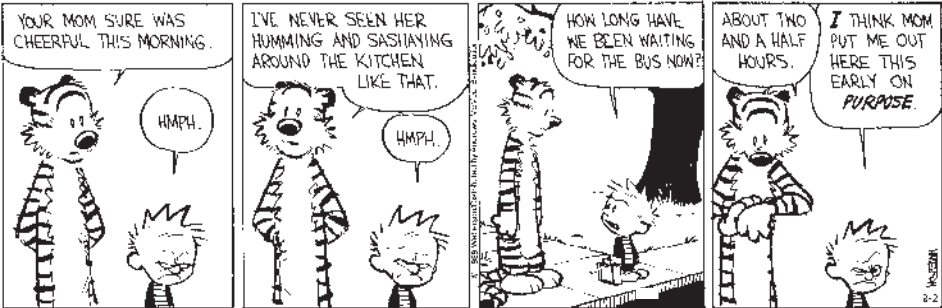
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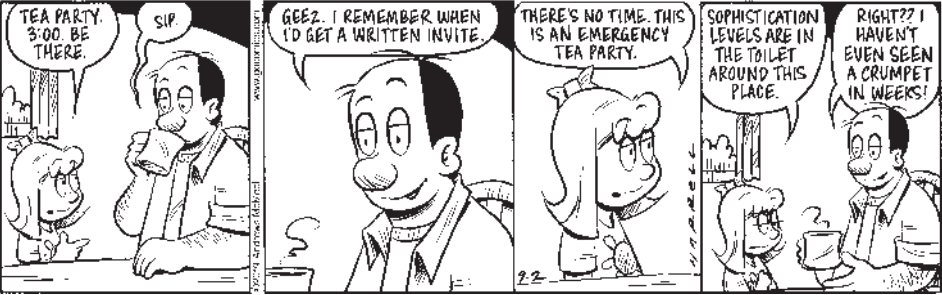
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Solution time: 26 mins.

Last Friday's Answer 09/02

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Zedd, 30; Salma Hayek, 53; Keanu Reeves, 55; Mark Harmon, 68.

Happy Birthday: Put rigidity aside when faced with complex situations. Being able to see all sides of whatever situation you face this year will encourage change that is positive, doable and re- flective of the type of leader you can be. Stand tall, set priorities and shoot for the stars. Compass- ion, participation and romance will result in per- sonal growth and happiness. Your numbers are 9, 14, 22, 26, 30, 32, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can think big and make plans, but when it comes to taking action, size down, be rea- sonable and choose to spend your time and money wisely. A change may not be expected or wanted, but in hindsight, it will be beneficial. \*\*\*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your chang- ing attitude may confuse some, but you'll find solace with those heading in a similar direction. Divvy up the work that needs to be done, and you will reach a common goal and form a close bond with like-minded individuals. \*\*\*

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't be- lieve everything you hear. Someone will lead you astray to avoid owning up to a mistake or a rumor that's traveling around your circle of friends. Keep your personal life a secret to avoid being talked about. \*\*\*

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Control your emotions. You will need a clear vi- sion if you plan to get things done your way. Persuasive tactics will work if you have a

good plan that you present with passion. Ask for help, and someone will accommodate you. \*\*

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You don't have to do what someone else is doing. Choose what works best for you. By us- ing your skills, knowledge and experience appro- priately and monitoring your spending, you will make a difference by completing what matters most. \*\*\*\*

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take a logical approach to situations that concern a multitude of people. You'll stand out if you make a point to understand what everyone else is doing and needs to suc- ceed. Become the vehicle that unifies and brings everyone together. \*\*\*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do what you can to lend a helping hand. Keeping the peace will be necessary if someone tries to start an argument. Focusing on doing a good job and staying busy will deter anyone disruptive from getting in your way. \*\*\*

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put in the time and do your research to figure out the best way to incorporate positive change into your daily routine. A kind word or gesture will encourage others to be supportive. Personal gain is apparent. \*\*\*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Listen and fact-check. Don't expect to be offered the whole truth or both sides of a story. If you judge others, you will be judged. Avoid exaggerating, being indulgent or taking part in gossip or risky ventures. \*\*\*\*

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let your emotions interfere in your progress. If there is something you want to get done, concentrate on finishing what you start. Actions will speak louder than words, and sticking to a budget will help you avoid criticism. \*\*

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Change the way you handle your cash. Look for an additional source of income. A change will boost your morale and encourage you to look and do your very best. Don't let what others do lead you astray. \*\*\*\*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stick to whatever plan you put in place. If you start bending to what people want, you will lose sight of your goal and end up going over budget. A partnership shouldn't cause confusion or lead to regret. \*\*

Birthday Baby: You are patient, unique and flex- ible. You are industrious and energetic.

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Last Friday's Answer

Difficulty Level ★ 9/02

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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

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Last Friday's Answer: Socialite

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Full time 40 hrs., a week, Monday to Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
Repair automobiles, trucks, buses, and other vehicles. Master mechanics repair virtually any part on the vehicle or specialize in the transmission system, test drive vehicles and test components and systems, using equipment such as infrared engine analyzers, compression gauges, and computerized diagnostic devices, test and adjust repaired systems to meet manufacturers' performance specifications. Repair, reline, replace, and adjust brakes. Review work orders and discuss work with supervisors. Confer with customers to obtain descriptions of vehicle problems and to discuss work to be performed and future repair requirements.

**DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:**

- High School Graduate;
- At least 24 months experience
- Knowledge in using hand and power tools

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**(25) Heavy Equipment Operators** \$8.50 per hour, plus 1.5 OT Full time 40 hrs., a week, Monday to Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
Operate one or several types of power construction equipment, such as motor graders, bulldozers, scrapers, compressors, pumps, derricks, shovels, tractors, or front-end loaders to excavate, move, and grade earth, erect structures, or pour concrete or other hard surface pavement. May repair and maintain equipment used in addition to other duties. Learn and follow safety regulations. Take actions to avoid potential hazards or obstructions, such as utility lines, other equipment, other workers, or falling objects. Locate underground services, such as pipes or wires, prior to beginning work. Monitor operations to ensure that health and safety standards are met. Adjust hand wheels and depress pedals to control attachments, such as blades, buckets, scrapers, or swing booms.

**DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:**

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- At least 12 months experience
- Knowledge in operating and controlling power construction equipment and in monitoring of gauges, dials or other indicators to make sure that the equipment is working properly.

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**DBA KURI-YA JAPANESE CUISINE**  
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**ONE (1) FOOD PREPARATION WORKER**  
Duties/Responsibilities:

- Clean and sanitize work areas; Clean all kitchen equipment, utensils, dishes and silverwares; Prepare variety of foods such as meat, vegetables or desert according to customer's orders or supervisor's instruction following approved procedures; Store supplies or goods in the kitchen or storage areas; assist the Head Cook in preparing orders from customers; Monitor inventory of stocks and report to the Head Cook as needed.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Must be familiar with different types of Kitchen Equipment in a Japanese Cuisine
- Must have 3 months experience in Japanese Food Preparation
- Must be a High School Graduate or Equivalence

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Full time 40 hrs. a week, Monday to Friday, 8:00 to 5:00 pm

**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
Operate and Inspect Machines and Heavy Equipment, Trucks and vehicles to Diagnose Defects. Clean, Lubricate, and perform other routine maintenance work on Heavy equipment, Trucks and vehicles. Repair or Overhaul Machines, Heavy Equipment, Trucks, and Vehicles then test to ensure operating efficiency. Perform other related duties as assigned.

**DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:**  
High school graduate  
At least 24 months experience as Heavy Mechanic is required

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**(1) Civil Engineering Technician** \$14.18 per hour, plus x 1.5 OT, full time, 40 hours a week, Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
Duties may include but not limited to: Apply theory and principles of civil engineering in planning, designing and overseeing construction and maintenance of structures and facilities under the direction of the Operating Manager. Calculate dimensions, square footage, profile and component specifications and material quantities using calculator or computer. Read and review blueprints and structural specifications to determine dimensions of structure or system and material requirements. Draft detailed dimensional drawings and design layouts for projects to ensure conformance with specifications. Confer with supervisors.

**DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Associate Degree in Civil Engineering
- Minimum 24 months experience
- Civil Engineering license or equivalent

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**(30) CARPENTER/LABOR** \$9.76 per hour, plus 1.5 OT  
Full time 40 hrs., a week, Monday to Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
Help carpenters by performing duties requiring less skill. Duties include using, supplying or holding materials or tools, and cleaning work area and equipment. Clean work areas, machines, or equipment, to maintain a clean and safe job site. Fasten timbers or lumber with glue, screws, pegs, or nails and install hardware. Perform the spacing layout and measure, mark, drill or cut. Select tools, equipment, or materials from storage and transport items to work site. Drill holes in timbers or lumber.

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- High School Graduate;
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**(12) Mechanics** \$7.98 per hour, plus 1.5 OT  
Full time 40 hrs., a week, Monday to Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
Diagnose, adjust, repair or overhaul automotive vehicles. Repair automobiles, trucks, buses, and other vehicles. Test drive vehicles and test components and systems, using equipment such as infrared engine analyzers, compression gauges, and computerized diagnostic devices. Test and adjust repaired systems to meet manufacturers' performance specifications. Repair, reline, replace, and adjust brakes. Review work orders and discuss work with supervisors. Confer with customers to obtain descriptions of vehicle problems and to discuss work to be performed and future repair requirements.

**DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:**

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- At least 24 months experience
- Knowledge in using hand and power tools and testers.

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**(1) Customer Service Representative** - \$9.26 per hour, plus x 1.5 OT, full time, 40 hours a week, Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
Duties may include but not limited to: Confering with customers by phone or in person to provide information about products or services, take or enter orders, cancel accounts, or obtain details of complaints; checking to ensure that appropriate changes were made to resolve customer's problems; keeping records of customer interactions or transactions - customer service or billing complaints by performing activities such as exchanging service, refunding money or adjusting bills, and completing contract forms, preparing documents or issuing service discontinuance orders using computers.

**DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:**

- High School graduate or GED
- Minimum 24 months experience
- Computer knowledge
- Valid CNMI driver's license

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**(4) CIVIL ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN** 14.18 per hour, plus 1.5 OT  
Full time 40 hrs., a week, Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
Apply theory and principles of civil engineering in planning, designing, and overseeing construction and maintenance of structures and facilities under the direction of engineering staff or physical scientists. Calculate dimensions, square footage, profile and component specifications, and material quantities using calculator or computer. Read and review project blueprints and structural specifications to determine dimensions of structure or system and material requirements. Draft detailed dimensional drawings and design layouts for projects and to ensure conformance to specifications. Confer with supervisor to determine project details such as plan preparation, acceptance testing, and evaluation of field conditions. Analyze proposed site factors and design maps, graphs, tracings, and diagrams to illustrate findings.

**DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Associate Graduate;
- At least 24 months experience
- Knowledge in practical application of Engineering Science and Technology

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**(2) MATERIAL CONTROL MANAGER** \$9.02 per hour, plus 1.5 OT  
Full time 40 hrs., a week, Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
Weigh, measure, and check materials, supplies, and equipment for the purpose of keeping relevant records. Duties are primarily clerical by nature. Manage, collect and keep record of samples of products or materials. Document quantity, quality, type, weight, test result data, and value of materials or products to maintain shipping, receiving, and production records and files. Weigh or measure materials, equipment, or products to maintain relevant records, using volume meters, scales, rules, or calipers. Collect or prepare measurement, weight, or identification labels and attach them to products. Examine products or materials, parts, subassemblies, and packaging for damage, defects, or shortages, using specification sheets, gauges, and standards charts. Signal or instruct other workers to weigh, move, or check products

**DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:**

- High School Graduate;
- At least 12 months experience
- Knowledge of raw materials, production processes, quality control, costs, and other techniques for maximizing the effective manufacture and distribution of goods.

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**ONE (1) HEAD COOK**  
Duties/Responsibilities:

- Prepare, season, and cook dishes such as soup, meat, vegetables or dessert upon order by patrons; Ensure freshness of food and ingredients by checking the quality of food items, keeping track of old and new items; Bake, roast, broil and steam meat, fish, vegetables and other food items; Instruct cook helper to portion, arrange, and garnish food being served to customers and supervise them accordingly; Observe and test the food to determine if they have been cooked sufficiently using methods necessary; May order supplies and keep records to be use in pricing; Analyze recipes to assign prices to menu items, based on food, labor and overhead cost; Recruit and hire staff such as cook helpers and others as needed.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- High school graduate or equivalence
- Must have 12 months experience in cooking Japanese variety of foods;
- Must be familiar with different Japanese Kitchen Equipment.

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**TWO (2) Rolling Machine Setter, Operator and Tender** \$13.92 per hour, plus 1.5 OT  
Full time 40 hrs. a week, Monday to Friday, 8:00 to 5:00 pm

**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
Set up, operate, or tend machines to roll steel forming bends, beads, knurls, rolls, or plate or to flatten, temper or reduce gauge of material. Inspect machine and conduct preventive maintenance. Have inspected materials and products for defects, and to ensure conformance to specifications. Set up machine to ensure items manufactured or produced meet customers' specifications. Direct or accomplish the threading or feed sheets or rods through rolling mechanisms or start and control mechanisms that automatically feed steel into rollers. Direct or accomplish the packaging, fastening or stacking of end product for proper storage or delivery. Accomplish other related duties as assigned.

**DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:**  
High school graduate  
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**(3) Heavy Equipment Operators** - \$9.05 per hour, plus x 1.5 OT, full time, 40 hours a week, Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
Duties may include but not limited to: Operating and/or tending machinery equipped with scoops, shovels or buckets to excavate and load loose materials. These machinery may include excavators, backhoes, compactors and bulldozers. Moving levers, depressing foot pedals, and turning dials to operate power machinery. Setting up or inspecting equipment prior to operation. Observing hand signals, grade stakes or other markings. When operating machines so that work can be performed to specifications. Operates machinery to perform activities such as back filling, excavations, vibrating or breaking rocks or concrete.

**DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:**

- High School Graduate
- Minimum 12 months experience
- Knowledge in operating heavy equipment

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**(02) Counter Clerks** - \$7.31 per hour, plus 1.5 OT  
Full time, 40 hours a week, Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
Receive orders, generally in person, for repairs, rentals, and services. May describe available options, compute costs, and accept payment. Greet customers and discuss the type, quality, and quantity of merchandise sought for rental. Compute charges for merchandise or services and receive payments. Answer telephones to provide information and receive orders. Provide information about rental items, such as availability, operation, or description. Rent items, arrange for provision of services to customers, and accept returns.

**DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:**

- High School Degree;
- At least 06 months experience;
- Must be a computer literate

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**(06) Mechanics** \$7.98 per hour, plus 1.5 OT  
Full time 40 hrs., a week, Monday to Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
Diagnose, adjust, repair or overhaul automotive vehicles. Repair automobiles, trucks, buses, and other vehicles. Test drive vehicles and test components and systems, using equipment such as infrared engine analyzers, compression gauges, and computerized diagnostic devices. Test and adjust repaired systems to meet manufacturers' performance specifications. Repair, reline, replace, and adjust brakes. Review work orders and discuss work with supervisors. Confer with customers to obtain descriptions of vehicle problems and to discuss work to be performed and future repair requirements.

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**1 CHEF AND HEAD COOK**  
starting salary \$13.87 to \$19.00

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**(02) SALES PERSON - \$8.57 to 8.88 per hour plus 1.5 OT**  
Full time, 40 hrs., a week, Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
Sell merchandise, such as furniture, motor vehicles and parts, appliances, or apparel to consumers. Greet customers and ascertain what each customer wants or needs. Recommend, select, and help locate or obtain merchandise based on customer needs and desires. Compute sales prices, total purchases, and receive and process cash or credit payment. Prepare merchandise for purchase or rental. Answer questions regarding the store and its merchandise.

**DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:**

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- Must be knowledgeable in operating PC, adding machine, electric typewriter

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Full time, 40 hrs., a week, Monday to Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 PM

**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
Perform work involving the skills of two or more maintenance or craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or the structure of an establishment in repair. Duties may involve pipe fitting, boiler making, insulating, welding, machining, carpentry, repairing electrical or mechanical equipment; installing, aligning, and balancing new equipment; and repairing buildings, floors, or stairs. Inspect, operate, or test machinery or equipment to diagnose machine malfunctions. Dismantle machines, equipment, or devices to access and remove defective parts, using hoists, cranes, hand tools, or power tools. Perform routine maintenance, such as inspecting drives, motors, or belts, checking fluid levels, replacing filters, or doing other preventive maintenance actions. Diagnose mechanical problems and determine how to correct them, checking blueprints, repair manuals, or parts catalogs, as necessary. Repair machines, equipment, or structures, using tools such as hammers, hoists, saws, drills, wrenches, or equipment such as precision measuring instruments or electrical or electronic testing devices

**DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:**

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- At least 12 months experience;
- Knowledge in using hand and power tools such as cordless power drills power circular saws and pulleys.

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**(05) SERVICE TECHNICIAN** - \$10.58 per hour, plus 1.5 OT  
Full time 40hrs a week, Monday to Friday 7:30am to 4:30pm

**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
Help plumbers, pipefitters, steamfitters, or pipelayers by performing duties requiring less skill. Duties include using, supplying or holding materials or tools, and cleaning work area and equipment. Measure, cut, thread and assemble new pipe, placing the assembled pipe in hangers or other supports. Cut or drill holes in walls or floors to accommodate the passage of pipes. Perform rough-ins, repair and replace fixtures and water heaters, and locate, repair, or remove leaking or broken pipes. Assist pipe fitters in the layout, assembly, and installation of piping for air, ammonia, gas, and water systems. Cut pipe and lift up to fitters. Fit or assist in fitting valves, couplings, or assemblies to tanks, pumps, or systems, using hand tools. Requisition tools and equipment, select type and size of the pipe, and collect and transport materials and equipment to work site. Mount brackets and hangers on walls and ceilings to hold pipes, and set sleeves or inserts to provide support for pipes. Excavate and grade ditches, and lay and join pipe for water and sewer service. Disassemble and remove the damaged or worn pipe.

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**(18) Maintenance**  
& Repair Workers, General  
\$8.33/per hr.

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**Three (03) Auto Technicians 7.98 per hour plus 1.5 OT**  
Full time, 40 hrs., a week, Monday to Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 PM

**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
Repair automobiles, trucks, buses, and other vehicles. Master mechanics repair virtually any part on the vehicle or specialize in the transmission system. Test drive vehicles and test components and systems, using equipment such as infrared engine analyzers, compression gauges, and computerized diagnostic devices. Test and adjust repaired systems to meet manufacturers' performance specifications. Repair, reline, replace, and adjust brakes. Review work orders and discuss work with supervisors. Confer with customers to obtain descriptions of vehicle problems and to discuss work to be performed and future repair requirements.

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**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
Diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul automotive vehicles. Repair automobiles, trucks, buses, and other vehicles. Master mechanics repair virtually any part on the vehicle or specialize in the transmission system. Test drive vehicles and test components and systems, using equipment such as infrared engine analyzers, compression gauges, and computerized diagnostic devices. Test and adjust repaired systems to meet manufacturers' performance specifications. Repair, reline, replace, and adjust brakes. Review work orders and discuss work with supervisors. Confer with customers to obtain descriptions of vehicle problems and to discuss work to be performed and future repair requirements.

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# Pujols, Trout lift Angels past over Red Sox



ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)—Mike Trout

and Albert Pujols have had plenty of big nights for the Los Angeles Angels, yet Saturday night's 10-4 victory over the Boston Red Sox was one of those games in which both reached milestones.

Trout became the youngest player to reach at least 275 home runs and 200 stolen bases, while Pujols' three-run drive in the eighth gave him his 17th season of 20 home runs or more.

Pujols' shot to right-center off Josh Smith helped cap a seven-run eighth inning. It is the 3,184th hit of Pujols' career, tying him with Cal Ripken Jr. for 14th all-time. It made him the fifth player with at least 17 seasons of 20 or more homers, joining Hank Aaron (20 seasons), Barry Bonds (19), Frank Robinson and Willie Mays (17).

"I've had an unbelievable career and still have another couple years left," the 39-year old first baseman said. "I just try to stay focused even through it has been challenging. Injuries happen. It hasn't been good since I left St. Louis but I work hard and don't take anything for granted."

## Tigers 10, Twins 7

In Detroit, the Minnesota Twins capped a night of sensational slugging by breaking the major league record for home runs in a season, but that wasn't enough to overcome The Tigers' seven-run third inning.

The Twins homered six times to bring their season total to 268, one more than the New York Yankees managed last year. Minnesota broke the mark when Mitch Garver led off the ninth with a drive to left for his second homer of the game.

Max Kepler, Jorge Polanco, C.J. Cron and Nelson Cruz also went deep for Minnesota, which passed the 1997 Mariners (264 homers) during the game. Martín Pérez (9-6) got the loss.

## Nationals 7, Marlins 0

In Washington, Stephen Strasburg struck out 14 in eight crisp innings and Anthony Rendon homered twice, powering the Nationals to the victory.

Strasburg (16-6) retired 22 straight after allowing two first-inning singles. The right-hander did not walk a batter while throwing 107 pitches, and he also contributed an RBI single at the plate.

Juan Soto and Kurt Suzuki also homered for the NL wild card leaders, who have won three straight and eight of nine.

The Marlins extended the franchise record with their 14th consecutive road loss.



Los Angeles Angels' Albert Pujols watches his three-run home run against the Boston Red Sox during the eighth inning of a baseball game in Anaheim, Calif., Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019.

single up the middle.

The White Sox have lost five straight and allowed a combined 21 runs in losing the first two games of the interleague series with Atlanta.

Josh Donaldson hit his 33rd homer in the eighth off Kelvin Herrera, Chicago's sixth pitcher.

## Rangers 3, Mariners 2

In Arlington, Isiah Kiner-Falefa hit a walk-off single in the ninth inning after Texas rallied with the help of a video review and beat the Rangers.

Elvis Andrus scored the tying run in the ninth after he was originally ruled out by home plate umpire Jansen Visconti. The play was overturned via replay review.

Andrus led off the ninth against Matt Magill (4-2) with his second double of the game. After he went to third on Willie Calhoun's ground out, Nick Solak grounded to short. Andrus broke on contact and beat Dylan Moore's throw with a headfirst slide. Visconti ruled out, but crew chief Jerry Meals called for a review that overturned the play.

## Pirates 11, Rockies 4

In Denver, Josh Bell hit his 35th homer, Kevin Newman homered on the first pitch of the game and Pittsburgh beat Colorado.

Newman has nine hits, including three homers, in 14 at-bats in the series, and this was his second leadoff shot. Jose Osuna also connected, and the Pirates won for the 14th time in 18 games at Coors Field. Pittsburgh will try for a sweep Sunday.

Ryan McMahon and Daniel Murphy homered for the Rockies, who have lost five in a row and 11 of 13. A loss Sunday would be the second time in a week Colorado has been swept in a four-game series.

## Padres 4, Giants 1

In San Francisco, Wil Myers homered, Manny Machado was 2 for 3 with a triple and Joey Lucchesi pitched six strong innings as San Diego defeated the Giants.

Machado tripled off reliever Tony Watson (2-2) to lead off the eighth inning of a 1-1 game. Josh Naylor singled through the left side of a drawn-in infield off Watson, scoring Machado with one out.

Myers hit a two-run homer off Will Smith in the ninth to make the score 4-1.

## Yankees 4, Athletics 3, 11 innings

In New York, DJ LeMahieu homered on the first pitch in the bottom of the 11th inning, handing the Yankees their first victory in five tries against the Athletics this season.

Aaron Judge hit a tying homer for New York with two outs in the eighth, his 19th of the season. The 6-foot-7 Judge also took a potential home run away from Matt Chapman in the 10th, barely needing to leave his feet for a grab at the right field wall.

Gary Sánchez went deep twice for the AL East leaders, and Cory Gearrin (1-2) got his first win with New York.

## Mets 6, Phillies 3

In Philadelphia, Wilson Ramos matched his career high with four hits and extended his hitting streak to 24 games, helping the Mets to the road win.

Todd Frazier had three hits and two RBIs for the Mets, who pulled within four games of the Cubs for the second NL wild card. Frazier also made a stellar run-saving catch in the sixth inning.

Ramos had three singles and a double, upping his average to .446 (41 for 92) during the streak.

Bryce Harper homered for Philadelphia, which remained 3½ games behind the Cubs. Former Mets left-hander Jason Vargas (6-7) gave up five runs in four-plus innings.

## Rays 9, Indians 6

In St. Petersburg, Tommy Pham, Avisail Garcia, Ji-Man

Choi and Travis d'Arnaud homered, powering Tampa Bay to the victory.

The Rays have won the first two games of the three-game set to tighten the AL wild-card race. Cleveland holds a half-game lead over Tampa Bay and Oakland for the first wild card.

Carlos Santana and Francisco Lindor went deep for the Indians. Zach Plesac (7-5) got the loss.

Cleveland second baseman Jason Kipnis left in the seventh with right wrist discomfort.

## Cardinals 10, Reds 6, Game 1 Cardinals 3, Reds 2, Game 2

In St. Louis, Matt Carpenter and Harrison Bader hit run-scoring singles during St. Louis' two-run ninth inning, sending the Cardinals to a sweep of the day-night doubleheader.

Each of St. Louis' four batters reached in the ninth. Tommy Edman singled and Yadier Molina was hit by a pitch from Raisel Iglesias (2-11) before Bader tied it at 2 with a single to left.

Kevin Gausman then came in, and Carpenter's pinch-hit single drove in Molina for the dramatic victory.

St. Louis (75-59) improved to 8-1 in its last nine games and moved 2½ games ahead of the second-place Chicago Cubs in the NL Central.

Dakota Hudson (14-6) led the Cardinals to the win in the opener, striking out eight in a career-high 7 2/3 innings. Dexter Fowler and Yadier Mo-

lina homered.

St. Louis and Cincinnati will play another doubleheader on Sunday.

## Brewers 2, Cubs 0

In Cincinnati, Manny Piña drove in two runs with a first-inning single and Josh Hader finished a strong performance by Milwaukee's bullpen.

Ben Gamel added three hits as Milwaukee pulled within four games of Chicago for the second NL wild card.

The Brewers used five pitchers in the six-hitter. Junior Guerra (8-4) worked 1 2/3 innings for the win, and Hader earned his 27th save by recording five outs on just 12 pitches.

Chicago wasted a solid performance by Cole Hamels (7-5), who allowed five hits in six innings.

## Blue Jays 6, Astros 4

In Toronto, Cavan Biggio and Teoscar Hernandez each hit a two-run homer, leading the Blue Jays to the victory.

Biggio drove in three runs and scored twice against the team his Hall of Fame father Craig starred with for 20 seasons.

Clay Buchholz (1-3) allowed two runs in 5 2/3 innings in his first win since Aug. 22, 2018, for Arizona against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Former Astros closer Ken Giles struck out George Springer, José Altuve and Alex Bregman in the ninth for his 18th save in 19 opportunities.

## Royals 7, Orioles 5

In Kansas City, Whit Merri-

field hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the eighth inning after the Royals loaded the bases on three bunts.

Bubba Starling hit his first homer at Kauffman Stadium after growing up about 30 miles away, and Hunter Dozier connected for the 24th time this season for Kansas City.

Scott Barlow (3-3) got the win with 1 2/3 perfect innings. Ian Kennedy pitched a perfect ninth for his 24th save.

## Diamondbacks 6, Dodgers 5

In Phoenix, Eduardo Escobar homered for the third straight game and Arizona beat Los Angeles in front of a crowd of 50,180, a single-game attendance record for Chase Field.

Escobar's solo shot was his 10th home run in August and 32nd of the season. The homer came off Dodgers closer Kenley Jansen in the bottom of the eighth inning.

Christian Walker and Wilmer Flores hit back-to-back home runs off Dodgers starter Clayton Kershaw (13-4).

Kershaw, who lost his second straight start, was charged with five runs on five hits, six strikeouts and two walks in five innings.

## Braves 11, White Sox 5

In Atlanta, Dallas Keuchel collected his first RBIs since his rookie season and held Chicago to two runs in six innings in the win for the Braves.

The Braves knocked Reynaldo López out of the game with a six-run first inning that included Keuchel's two-run



# Osaka eliminated teary Gauff at US Open

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Naomi Osaka looked across the net after ending Coco Gauff's U.S. Open in the third round Saturday night and saw the tears welling in the 15-year-old's eyes.

Osaka also saw a bit of herself in the kid she'd just beaten, 6-3, 6-0.

So the tournament's defending champion and No. 1 seed, who is only 21 herself, comforted Gauff with a hug and words of consolation, then encouraged her to address the 23,000 or so folks in the Arthur Ashe Stadium stands who were pulling for the young American. Knowing how tough it is to lose, Osaka told her: "You need to let those people know how you feel."

So Gauff obliged—a rare instance of a match's loser addressing the crowd from the court. And was appreciative of Osaka's gesture.

"She just proved that she's a true athlete. For me, the definition of an athlete is someone who on the court treats you like your worst enemy, but off the court can be your best friend," Gauff said later at her news conference. "I think that's what she did tonight."

It's that sort of maturity off the court, and a wise-beyond-her-years game on it, that has helped Gauff generate all sorts of attention already. She was the youngest woman since 1996 to win two matches at Flushing Meadows, her follow-up to a captivating run to the second week at Wimbledon in July.

In this much-hyped showdown under the lights, Gauff often looked exactly like what she is: an immensely talented player who is still learning her way at tennis' top level.

"We definitely know what we've got to work on," Gauff's father, Corey, said. "She wanted to win the match. It wasn't, 'See how well you can do.'"

Gauff pounded serves at up to 119 mph but also double-faulted seven times.

She overcame a slow start to get within 4-3 in the opening set but also dropped the last eight games.

Don't forget: The U.S. Open was only the second Slam for Gauff, who was ranked No. 313 at the start of Wimbledon and is now No. 140.

Osaka's advantages in age and accomplishments—she is a two-time major champion, including at the Australian Open in January—played a role. So, too, did her on-target power, which resulted in a 24-8 edge in winners.

"For me, this is the most focused I've been since Australia," said Osaka, who's had an up-and-down season since earning that trophy and is



**AP**  
Coco Gauff wipes away tears while talking to Naomi Osaka after the latter defeated the former during the third round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019, in New York.

final against Serena Williams that ended with spectators booing and both women in tears after the 23-time major champion got into a lengthy dispute with the chair umpire.

On this evening, Gauff's body language was getting worse and worse, whether it was a slap of her thigh or raising her racket overhead as if contemplating a spike or the palms-up glare toward her parents and others in a courtside guest box to ask why they weren't giving her more support.

Gauff's dad said afterward that his daughter might not appear on tour again until next year, because of age restrictions on the women's tour that limit how many tournaments someone who is 15 may enter.

Next for Osaka is a match Monday against 13th-seeded Belinda Bencic of Switzerland with a quarterfinal berth at stake. Other matchups Monday: American qualifier Taylor Townsend vs. No. 15 Bianca Andreescu of Canada, American wild-card Kristie Ahn vs. No. 25 Elise Mertens, and No. 23 Donna Vekic of Croatia vs. No. 26 Julia Goerges.

wearing a black sleeve on the left knee that's been problematic lately.

Addressing Gauff, she said: "I'm so sorry for playing you (with) this type of mentality."

When it ended, after merely 65 minutes, Gauff began to bawl on the sideline. Osaka approached her and they spoke, briefly, then later cried, too, while addressing Gauff's parents on-court.

"For me, it's crazy to me

to see how far she's come in such a little amount of time," said Osaka, who was born in Japan and moved to the U.S. when she was 3.

Both players are based in Florida now and have known each other for a few years. Their fathers are friends.

"She was crying; she won. I was crying. Everybody was crying," Gauff said. "I was

like, 'You won the match!'"

Gauff acknowledged feeling some jitters at the outset, and Osaka produced the match's initial seven winners.

It took all of 10 minutes for Osaka to lead 3-0.

When Gauff did claim a game, she did so with a couple of exclamation points in the form of aces at 105 mph, then

that one at 119 mph. Osaka slumped her shoulders. The crowd roared. It seemed, fleetingly, that this might be a competitive match.

"Next time I play her," Gauff said, "I'm going to try to come up with a different plan."

Soon enough, Osaka was edging ahead—and then pulling away, showing the same poise and power that carried her to the championship a year ago in a memorably chaotic



## Djokovic, Federer seek quarterfinals

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Novak Djokovic would be a little closer to Roger Federer's record for men's Grand Slam singles titles if he'd done better against Stan Wawrinka.

They meet Sunday for the first time since Wawrinka's victory in the 2016 U.S. Open final, with a trip to the quarterfinals going to the winner.

Wawrinka also beat Djokovic in the 2015 French Open final. The top-ranked Djokovic has 16 major titles, four behind Federer.

Federer faces No. 15 David Goffin in the fourth round, where the five-time U.S. Open champion lost last year.

Meanwhile, Daniil Medvedev extended his arms toward the crowd, then motioned for the fans to keep raining down the boos.

They don't wait to be asked.

The crowd had been letting him have it since early in his third-round matchup with Feliciano Lopez on Friday night, and the fans who were still there after Medvedev completed the last match of



**AP**  
Roger Federer returns a shot to Daniel Evans during round three of the US Open tennis championships Friday, Aug. 30, 2019, in New York.

the day at the U.S. Open with a 7-6 (1), 4-6, 7-6 (7), 6-4 victory let loose with whatever voices they still had.

In a post-match interview that seemed better suited for WrestleMania than the U.S. Open, Medvedev told fans that he'd

won because of their energy.

"I want all of you to know when you sleep tonight, I won because of you," Medvedev said.

As the jeers grew louder—and one fan was seen extending his middle finger—the No. 5 seed added: "The more you do this, the more I will win for you guys."

Medvedev was more contrite later in a brief interview with reporters, adding that he had spoken to Lopez and said his opponent understood.

The trouble started in the first set, when a frustrated Medvedev snatched the towel from a ballperson and was given a code violation by umpire Damien Dumusois. Medvedev then threw his racket in the direction of Dumusois, barked something at him and later flashed his middle finger next to his forehead as he walked past the umpire's chair.

"I was in the heat of the moment. Started losing the momentum, so I mean, was tough," Medvedev said. "Was tough and I don't really remember. I mean, I paid for it

the whole match after, because as you saw it wasn't easy. So I'm just happy to win."

The U.S. Tennis Association said Saturday that Medvedev was fined \$5,000 for unsportsmanlike conduct for the towel snatch and toss, and \$4,000 for holding his middle finger against the side of his face. He has been docked \$19,000 for his actions in his three matches.

The Russian came into the final Grand Slam of the year as perhaps the hottest player on tour, winning the Western & Southern Open in the last of three straight tournaments in which he reached the final. He'll be favored to reach the quarterfinals, as his next match is against 118th-ranked qualifier Dominik Koepfer.

He was asked if he's worried about playing that match and the ones that follow at the U.S. Open with the crowd against him.

"Tough question to answer," he said, "because what I can say is that I'm working on myself and hopefully I will be better next time."



# World Cup: Team USA undaunted by doubters

SHANGHAI (AP) — Kemba Walker sees an irony in the notion that USA Basketball is vulnerable going into the World Cup.

It might be new for the U.S. program.

It isn't that new for these U.S. players.

The 12-man squad that makes its World Cup debut Sunday (8:30 a.m. EDT) isn't overpowering on paper. There's a couple second-round picks in Joe Harris and Khriston Middleton, a guard in Derrick White who had zero scholarship offers out of high school, and many who made the team weren't prominent—or in many cases, even included—on USA Basketball's wish list of players when the roster-building process started last year.

Walker tried to say none of that matters. And then he explained why it probably should matter.

"I think a lot of us have grown up with doubt coming into our careers," Walker said. "It's nothing new to us. That's unnecessary at this point. Nobody really cares what people think. At the end of the day, we want to win. We have one goal: We want to win the gold medal. And we want to be here."

The quest begins for the U.S. with its group-play opener against the Czech Republic. If they make the medal round the Americans—looking for an unprecedented third consecutive men's World Cup title—will play eight games in four cities over the next 15 days.

The U.S. went 3-1 in its warmups for the World Cup, beating Spain by nine, Australia by 16 and Canada by 16. The Americans also lost to the Australians by four in Melbourne, the outcome in that stretch that obviously got the most attention and the first loss for a U.S. roster stocked



United States' Jayson Tatum prepares to shoot during practice ahead of the FIBA Basketball World Cup at the Shanghai Oriental Sports Center in Shanghai on Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019.

The Americans saw Serbia again in the gold-medal game and it was a rout, the U.S. winning by 30.

"We obviously hear the noise," said Harrison Barnes, the only member of that Olympic team who is on this World Cup roster. "But at the end of the day, we're the ones that's putting in the time, we're the ones that have to live with the results and we're the ones who have to come together as a team. I think that's what's most important."

Walker said the easiest way to silence doubters is simple—to win.

"We're the ones who took on this opportunity to play for our country and represent our country," Walker said. "So who cares about the outside noise at this point?"

## Serbia 105, Angola 59

Serbia's push toward unseating the U.S. as World Cup champion is off and running.

Bogdan Bogdanovic made his first four 3-point attempts to help his team take control early on. All-NBA center Nikola Jokic didn't even start and the Serbians still had plenty on the way to easing past Angola.

"We played a great game from the beginning until the end," Serbia forward Nikola Milutinovic said. "We were tough. We were strong. Mentally we were ready."

Bogdanovic scored 24 points on 8 for 10 shooting for Serbia (1-0 in Group D), which lost gold-medal games to the U.S. at the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

with NBA players since Sept. 1, 2006.

The loss doesn't mean anything in terms of World Cup standings. But it was a very big wake-up call.

"This is do-or-die now," Harris said. "There is no more exhibitions, no more mulligans at it. We've talked about how important every single possession is in the FIBA game. You have 40 minutes of can't turn the ball over, can't make mental mistakes. Now it is 40 minutes of being locked in ... and we have enough depth on this team, on the roster, to play maximum effort whenever you're on the court."

The FIBA world rankings still list the Americans as the No. 1 team in the world, by a

fairly significant margin. But FIBA has also published an unofficial World Cup "power ranking" in recent weeks, one that has Serbia—which has made little secret of its belief that it can win the tournament—listed ahead of the U.S. going into the tournament.

It apparently hasn't been bulletin-board material for the Americans.

"I don't think about things like that," U.S. coach Gregg Popovich said. "I didn't know that, but it doesn't really mean much."

For the record, the Serbians still want the U.S. considered the favorite.

"I'm not thinking about the

USA team," Serbia coach Sasha Djordjevic said. "I do respect them. I do think they're the biggest favorite. Nevertheless, they don't have some of their players but they still have a great, great team with great players and a great coach."

The last World Cup was in 2014, when the Americans outscored opponents by 116 points in four warm-up games—as opposed to the 37-point margin in this year's four friendlies. The closest game the U.S. played in that World Cup was 21 points, and the Americans beat Serbia by 37 in the gold medal game.

There was no doubt from the outside five years ago.



## ENGLEWOOD, Colo.

(AP)—John Elway finds himself looking for a quarterback again after jettisoning Kevin Hogan and Brett Rypien amid plans to place second-round draft pick Drew Lock on injured reserve.

"We needed the spot," Elway said Saturday after trimming his banged-up roster to 52 players, one below the league maximum.

With nobody behind new starting QB Joe Flacco, who directed just four drives in the preseason, Elway gazed at other teams' castoffs in search of a passer who could quickly absorb offensive coordinator Rich Scangarello's system.

"We're exploring all our op-

# Broncos looking for a backup QB, again

tions," Elway said.

Lock sprained the thumb on his throwing hand two weeks ago. He'll go on IR Sunday, meaning he won't be able to attend practice unless he's recalled to the active roster toward midseason.

"My discussion with him today is it's not a year off for him," Elway said. "He's going to be able to do everything other than being on the football field. And he'll be able to work on his own and do some different things there, too. I expect him to continue to work hard and get a good feel with everything and keep learning with the offense, understand what he's doing there

and be right in the middle of everything."

Hogan was Denver's backup last season, although he never got into a game. He was given plenty of work ahead of Lock early in training camp and his 123 preseason snaps were more than Lock (106), Rypien (94) and Flacco (30).

The Broncos' open roster spot could be filled by ex-Broncos linebacker Corey Nelson, who's due in for a visit, and Elway will have three more openings Sunday when he puts Lock, tight end Jack Butt (knee) and running back Theo Riddick (shoulder) on injured reserve.

The Broncos are thin at

inside linebacker with Todd Davis, the team's leading tackler a year ago, having sat out since tearing a calf on the first day of training camp. Davis said he hopes to return to practice this week and play in the team's opener at Oakland on Sept. 9.

"Todd's a tough guy and a smart guy with a lot of experience, so if anybody could do it, it would be him," coach Vic Fangio said.

Meanwhile, the cruelest day of the NFL's long calendar arrived Saturday with teams setting their 53-player rosters.

Among the more prominent dismissals were Bills veteran running back LeSean McCoy,

backup QBs Brian Hoyer in New England and Kevin Hogan in Denver and receivers Laquon Treadwell of Minnesota, Demaryius Thomas of New England and Josh Doctson of Washington a first-round pick in 2016.

"It's always a hard day because ... you ruin a lot of dreams," Broncos general manager John Elway said. "It's the hard part of the business."

The cuts capped an interminable preseason that featured fewer stars than ever on the field with QBs Aaron Rodgers, Philip Rivers, Jared Goff and Carson Wentz taking not a single snap and other established stars preparing for the

season through joint practices more so than in exhibition games.

The final weekend before the NFL kicks off its 100th season saw teams scrambling to get stars into their headquarters. The Seahawks were working to acquire Jadeveon Clowney from the Texans and the Cowboys were ramping up efforts to get holdout running back Ezekiel Elliott back in time for opening weekend.

The Texans were the busiest team in the league. They also acquired left tackle Laremy Tunsil from the Dolphins in a deal that netted them receiver Kenny Sills, a person familiar with the deal told The Associated Press. Houston also sent O-lineman Martinus Rankin to the Chiefs for RB Carlos Hyde.



# Pardz beats Light & Salt for fourth win

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The Pardz Ballers defeated Light & Salt, 76-67, in the 2019 One Pacific Promotional Basketball League last Thursday at the Civic Center, Susupe.

After falling behind in the first half, 35-37, Pardz turned the tables on Light & Salt in the third period, 57-50. J.R. Barrios scored all his 9 points in the penultimate quarter to bring Pardz on top anew. He also got help from Mark Jose and Rocyl Ritual, who combined for 10 of Pardz's 22 markers in the third canto.

Light & Salt, after firing 27 points in the second quarter to build a 7-point advantage at the break, was held to 13 points when the match resumed. Light & Salt made only three field goals in the third frame and though it made an effort to get back into the game in the fourth behind Jun Natividad's 3-pointers, it fell short in the end. Light & Salt is still winless after six games, while Pardz got its fourth victory in six matches.

Ronald Bernardo top-scored for Pardz with his 29 points, while Ritual added 13. Arnold Natividad carried the load for Light & Salt with his 28 markers.

Meanwhile, Tsingtao Boyz prevailed against Mawati, 74-60, in last Friday's match.

Tsingtao Boyz had a tug of war with Mawati in the first half before taking control of

the game in the second.

The first half ended with Mawati grabbing the lead, 35-29, behind the combined 12 points of Raymond Velasco and Jerome Directo. Tsingtao, which led after the opening quarter, 21-14, allowed Mawati to take the driver's seat after making only 8 points in the second.

Tsingtao Boys then regained the lead with its 23 points in the third quarter and earned the 14-winning margin after another 20-plus production (22) in the fourth and final frame. Jerald Rivera had 9 points in the third quarter, while Jetsen Jandoc added 7.

Jandoc kept going in the fourth and finished with 22 markers, while Rivera also had double figures with his 14.

Directo paced Mawati after recording 18 points.

## Thursday's Game

**Pardz Ballers 75**—Bernardo 23, Ritual 13, Jose 12, Hipolito 10, Barrios 9, Torres 4, Romo 3, Santos 1.

**Light and Salt 67**—Natividad 28, Laxamana 8, Bautista 8, M. Usi 7, Pineda 6, Oblina 4, Embile 4, Claveria 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 12-10, 35-37, 57-50, 75-67

## Friday's Game

**Tsingtao Boyz 74**—Jandoc 22, Rivera 14, Demonteverde 9, Ariar 6, Ramsa 6, Pineda 6, Giron 3, Alano 3.

**Mawati 60**—Directo 18, Ferrer 14, Velasco 10, Reyes 7, Nonato 5, Rena 3, Rejano 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 21-14, 29-35, 52-47, 74-60

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With her pair of wins, Lee ended up becoming one of the only two unseeded players in the qualifiers to have marched into the main draw. The other one was Puerto Rico's Lauren Anzalotto Kynoch, who topped No. 8 Charlotte Owensby of the U.S. and No. 2 Michaela Kadleckova of Slovakia.

Up next for Lee is a first round match against Robin Montgomery tomorrow at the top half of the draw. The world No. 127 Lee will be battling a U.S. player who is ranked in the Top 50 in the world. The world No. 41 Montgomery just came from a finals victory in the doubles event (with Latvia's Karmila Bartone) of the Prince George's County International in Maryland.

The CNMI bet, on the other hand, travelled to New York alone from Fiji and just less than a week after competing in Australia where she reached the semifinals (doubles) and quarterfinals (singles) of the 2019 Australian Winter International in Tweed Heads, New South Wales.

Dong Min Lee, Carol's father and one of her coaches on Saipan, said he is proud of what her daughter has accomplished in New York since she came there without a coach or even a guardian.

"I am sad that we're not able to be with her, but we are also proud of how brave and responsible she is. She's been travelling to competitions since she was 10 and she has grown to become mentally strong," said Lee, whose family also shouldered Carol's travel expenses to New York, as it's not included on the benefits she is getting from the International Tennis Federation.

"She will be playing against a very good opponent and we wish her good luck. Be patient, be confident, and play smart," the Dong Min said.

The U.S. Open stint is the third Grade A (third in the rankings behind Junior Masters and Grand Slam) event for Lee this year, as she also saw action in the main draw of the Australian Open in January and in the 60th Trofeo Bonfiglio—Campionati Internazionali d'Italia Juniores in Milan, Italy in May.



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The Pardz Ballers' Ronald Bernardo, right, stretches for a layup against Light & Salt's Ian Oblinaga during their game in the 2019 One Pacific Promotional Basketball League last Thursday at the Civic Center, Susupe.

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Laggua Drive, Banzai Trail, and Banzai Cliff.

In the women's trail, Roxanne Soriano led the podium finishers and was joined in the Top 3 by Lydia Cai and Kathleen Tolentino.

For the duathlon event, which featured a 20K bike course and 2.5K run, Charlie

Sendin was the first one to complete the race that also started at ended at the Last Command Post. Dennis Bautista and Joshua Manglona were the second and third finishers, respectively, in the men's division.

In the women's division, Kimiko McKagan was the first finishers, followed by Ayano Braxton and Elim Huang. The bike portion of the duathlon event had riders

navigating through FEBC, Ayuyu and Binadu drive, Million Gallon Tank, As Matuis (no Radar Station), Kalabera Road, Bird Island (no Auto Bahn), Santa Clause Trail, Banzail Trail, and Banzai Cliff before finishing at Last Command Post. For the 2.5K run, participants headed to as far as the "hair pin" and back to the Last Command Post.

Meanwhile, C and R Team

and H & Y Team topped the men's and mixed relay races, respectively. C and R Team won over Ibufufen & Ben Gay and The Captains, while H & Y Team prevailed against Agape 1 and 2.

Last Saturday's event was supported by title sponsor IT&E, Kanoa Resort, Gatorade, Northern Mariana Islands Cycling Federation, and Aloha Maid.

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are brothers in the Marianas and we got to share the love and the knowledge that we have and pass it on to our brothers," he said.

Guerrero hopes Saipan can come out to Guam for the next edition of the Marianas Bowl.

"Or we can come back. I just want to thank John Blanco and the staff and everyone who supported this event. It's a great pleasure to be here and the hospitality is by far the greatest," he said.

Meanwhile, CNMI Sharks coach John Blanco said that they have a good team, but they lacked the commitment to train for this year's competition.

"Guam is a tough team, but we're also pretty good as well. It's just sometimes, those things happen. Sadly, we didn't prepare enough. We have a pretty solid squad, it's just that with guys not want-

ing to make the commitment to practice, this is the end result," he said.

Blanco congratulated Guam for the win. However, he

vowed that the Sharks will put in the time to regain the trophy in next year's tournament.

"You win some, you lose some, but sadly we lost

this one. All I want to say is congratulations to Guam and take care of my trophy because I want it back next year," he said.



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Team Guam defenders keep a close eye on CNMI Sharks players during the second half of their game in last Saturday's 2019 Marianas Bowl at the CPA Airport Field.





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## Guam avenges loss, crushes Sharks

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Team Guam got the payback it wanted after crushing the CNMI Sharks, 35-0, in last Saturday's 2019 Marianas Bowl at the CPA Airport Field.

Although the Sharks prepared for the faceoff against Team Guam in this year's Marianas Bowl, the host were no match for the determined Team Guam, which was driven by its streak-breaking loss last year. The CNMI Sharks cruised to 26-0 victory in the 2018 competition, ending Team Guam's run (six straight victories) in the two islands'

American football duel.

Team Guam set up the lopsided win after leading in the first half, 24-0. The visiting team played no let up in the second half, especially on defense, as it still neutralized the Sharks to complete the demolition.

Team Guam coach Joey Guerrero said that they took their loss hard against the Sharks last year and they were pleased to return to the island and achieve what they set out to do—avenging last year's defeat.

"Avenging last year's

loss, we'll take that loss, we licked our wounds, and we came back stronger this year and we're looking forward to next year," he said.

Guerrero added that at the end of the day, Guam is happy to come out and just have fun with their brothers in the CNMI.

"Actually, coming out here to play with our brothers here in the Marianas is always a great pleasure for us, to come out and share the knowledge of football. The win is a win, but at the end of the day, we

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A CNMI Sharks defender tries to pin down a Team Guam player during the first half of their game in last Saturday's 2019 Marianas Bowl at the CPA Airport Field.

# Carol earns US Open seat

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The CNMI is represented in the prestigious U.S. Open for the first time, as Carol Lee made it to the main draw of the juniors competition at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York City.

Lee made history for the Commonwealth in the Grade A event after winning two matches in the qualifying tournament over the weekend. The 17-year-old first stunned No. 16 seed Tara Malik of the



U.S., 6-3, 6-4, to move one victory away from entering the 64-player main draw of the girls' singles event.

The CNMI player went on to notch one of the eight qualifying slots following another

straight set win over Hibah Shaikh of the U.S., 6-2, 6-3. Before losing to Lee, Shaikh came from an impressive 6-2, 7-5 upset victory against No. 6 seed Ana Luiza Cruz of Brazil.

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The CNMI's Carol Lee is in New York and will be playing in the main draw of the US Open Junior Championships at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

## IT&E Duathlon and Trail Run draws over 70



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Participants in the IT&E Duathlon and Trail Run head out to the course in Marpi during last Saturday's event.

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More than 70 joined the IT&E Duathlon and Trail Run with 57 competing in individual races and 11 partici-

pating in the team competition of last Saturday's event.

In the 6-kilometer trail run, perennial middle distance race winner Kosuke Sato led more than 10 finishers to earn first place honors in the men's division. Saipan International School teacher Whit Altize

came in at second place, while Agape Christian School student Tony Zheng finished third. The trail run had its start and finish lines at the Last Command Post in Marpi with runners passing through Unai

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